



Picture: HMS Drake

FAG END OF BLUE LINERS

BY EMPLOYING a series of price rises, the Royal Navy's Blue Liner cigarette and tobacco concession is to be phased out, and will finally disappear in 1991.

The decision by the Admiralty Board follows a number of reviews but, as a result of the latest, it was felt the medical evidence against smoking was now so overwhelming that the concession could no longer be justified.

To take account of stocks already held and contracts placed, it will continue until the end of 1991. The price will be increased progressively, with the first increase taking place in April this year, followed by further increases in January 1990 and January 1991 to bring prices much closer to those charged for proprietary brands.

Amenities

The move brings no saving to the Defence Budget, and all money raised by increases over the next three years will be used exclusively for the benefit of naval personnel through the Fleet Amenities Fund.

Contributing to the phasing-out decision was the knowledge that, while it is sad that traditions die, in this case it was the beneficiaries of the tradition who were likely to die. In addition, numbers of habitual smokers have decreased.

Medical evidence available to the Admiralty Board indicated that of 1,000 young people smoking a packet of cigarettes a day, six would die on the roads, whereas 250 could die prematurely from smoking-related diseases.

In these circumstances, and given the responsibility of the Board for promoting the physical and mental well-being of naval personnel, it was decided "there was no other proper course of action open to them so far as this unique and outdated concession was concerned."

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Chart figure Foxed Prince

THE PRINCE of Wales was happy to put the record straight when the error of his ways was pointed out on a visit to his old ship HMS Fox.

Wearing a new fourth stripe following his 40th birthday promotion, the Prince made a final visit to the coastal survey vessel at Devonport.

While he was serving on board in 1973, the Fox was involved in a salvage operation off Antigua in the West Indies. As a newly-promoted lieutenant he drew up a survey of the Ariadne Shoal, named after the 55,000-ton merchant vessel which ran aground on the reef.

His original chart was on display during his visit, and his former commanding officer, Capt. John Myres (now Captain, Hydrographic Surveying Flotilla) took him to one side to reveal that he had missed off a figure from the chart and suggested he put the record straight! Seen with them for the "amendment ceremony" is commanding officer, Lieut-Cdr. Steve Shipman.

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RATINGS POLLED ON JOBS

A STUDY of future job needs in the Royal Navy's Air Engineering sub-branch moves a stage further this month as a 12-man team starts work on a task which will include sending a questionnaire to a quarter of all AE ratings at sea and ashore.

Data from the questionnaire, due to go round the Fleet about April, will be analysed and modified to take account of differing maintenance requirements of updated aircraft, and particularly the new Merlin helicopter.

Aim is to develop a profile of AE maintenance tasks in the 1990s and beyond, and to examine it critically to find the AE trade structure best suited.

The study team, based at the Air Engineering School, HMS Daedalus, comprises a lieutenant AE and 11 se-

Air Arm reshuffle proposed for 1990s

nior ratings. They will be guided by a steering com-

mittee which will also consider all implications of any changes to the sub-branch.

It is thought likely that some form of two-trade structure may be the answer, probably based on a single avionics trade, although the team is not bound by this possibility.

Particular problems to be considered include where to establish boundaries between trade categories, and where responsibility for ordnance work should lie in any new structure. The team will also examine the present system of authorisations for aircraft maintenance, and will propose job descriptions for ratings of all categories in the proposed new structure.

Artificers

The study — known as OPS (Operational Performance Statements) — has arisen from the lowering manpower ceiling and increasing changes in technology.

Pointing out there would be "no change merely for the sake of it," the Fleet Air Arm said the study should lead to more effective utilisation of the deep technical skills of the artificers, and also improve job satisfaction for mechanics by giving them responsibility for a wider range of aircraft maintenance work than at present.

If recommendations to change the AE structure are

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Shining Sirius

Ships of the Outback Task Group returned to the UK just before Christmas after months away on the other side of the world. Here to rekindle memories is one of the Group ships, HMS Sirius, operating in Australian waters. — See also deployment round-up in page 15.

Picture: PO(Phot) Nigel Gordon.



Blazing the way to £30,000 success

FIREMEN from Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton pedalled for pounds — their cycle ride from John O'Groats to Lands End raised £15,500 for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The 890-mile journey using eight men on a riding rota system took eight days to complete, with a 28-ton fire engine accompanying the riders just in case of emergencies!

Commanding officer of RNAS Yeovilton, Capt. Colin MacGregor, presented a cheque for the proceeds to Mr. Malcolm Tucker, assistant regional organiser for the NSPCC in Somerset.

More than £30,000 has been raised for charity during the past year by the fire section at Yeovilton — the cycle marathon was the most successful single event, but other activities provided funds for Children in Need, Comic Relief, and locally-based charities.

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More than 16,000 people watched the Searchlight Tattoo at Eastney in September — and now that the proceeds have been collected the management committee has decided to donate a sizeable amount to the King George's Fund for Sailors.

White Helmets' motorcycle riders injured during the final tattoo performance are fully recovered and wish to thank all who sent cards or visited them in hospital.

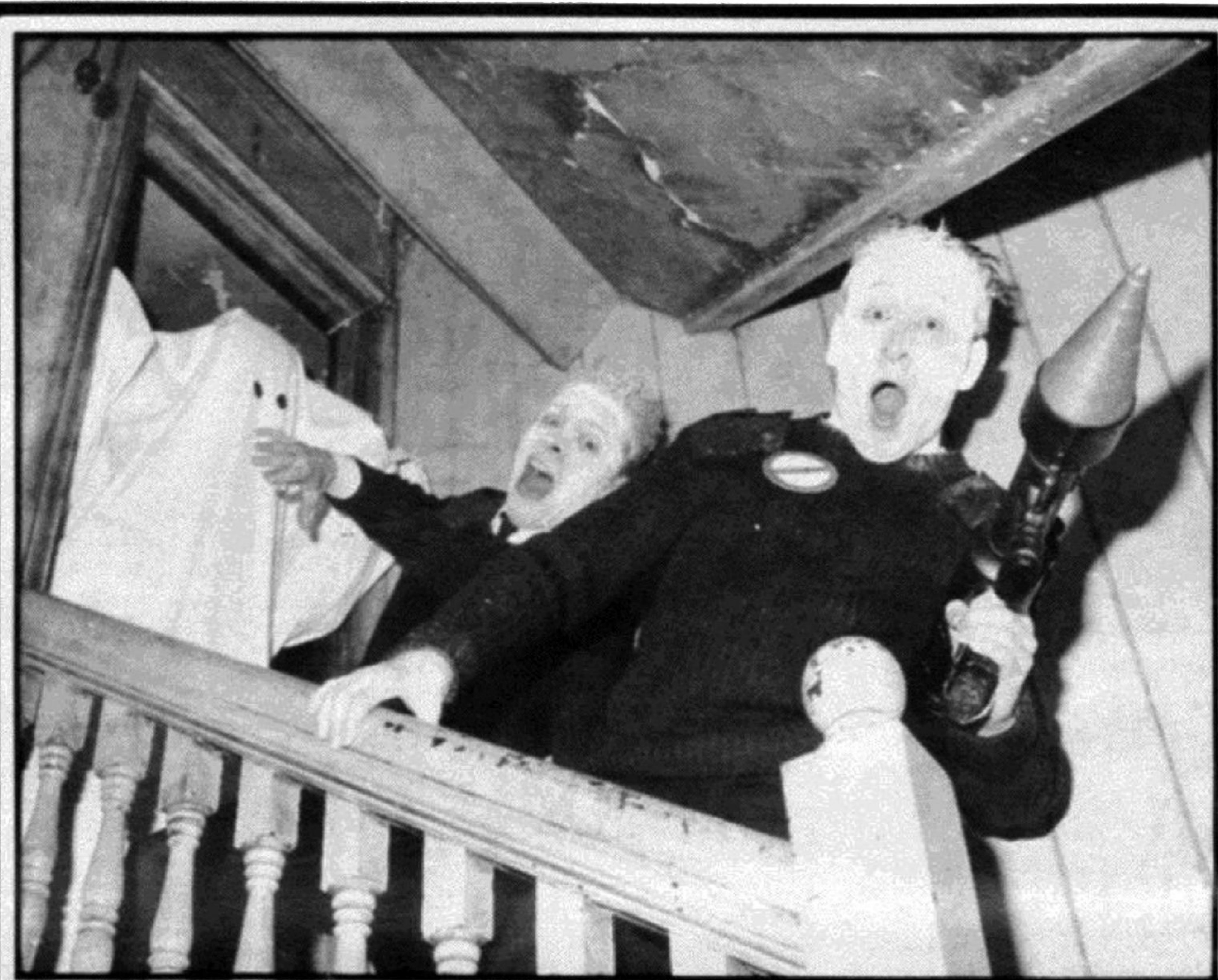
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Admiral Sir Peter Stanford, South Hampshire's representative for Great Ormond Street Hospital's 'Wishing Well Appeal' has received a further £561 for the fund — raised by a sponsored walk and presented by Admiral Sir John Woodward, CINCPACVHOM, on behalf of the Secretariat.

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Four hundred miles of hard cycle riding in the Australian sun has raised £400 for charity, thanks to the efforts of a team from HMS Ark Royal. The sponsored ride from Sydney to Melbourne was completed in six days.

LAEM Chris Horrocks, and AEMs Young, Mick Slater, Mark Howard and Gary Turner donated the proceeds to the ship's adopted charities, the Orchard Vale Trust and the Spastics Society of New South Wales, Australia.



Picture: LA(Phot) Stu Reid, Fleet Photographic Unit, Portsmouth

SPIRITS OF ADVENTURE

GHOSTLY rumours seem to haunt the aptly named Whaley Club, above the Naafi buildings on Whale Island. Two brave senior ratings decided to investigate the ghoulish tales and raise money for a local charity at the same time.

PO Caterer Derek Hubbard and RPO Stan Stanley decided that an all-night sponsored vigil would generate funds for the Queen Alexandra's Hospital Scanner Appeal, and perhaps also raise the alleged spectre.

Sceptical colleagues sponsored their ordeal, and ensured that they had one or two visits from apparitions during their stay in the eerie Victorian attics.

Equipped with ghost-busting badges, a powerful anti-spook water gun and having had a practice run, the two friends survived the ordeal and, apart from looking very pale, were unscathed.

Neither PO would say if he saw the ghost, but the promised sponsorship did materialise — to the tune of £175. There was agreement, however, that this was definitely a one-off exorcise.



It was a laugh a minute for Sub-Lieutenants from HMS Dryad when they moved playground equipment from a holiday site on Hayling Island.

Picture: SMOPS Photographic, Vernon Site.

Childhood revisited

SUB-LIEUTENANTS from HMS DRYAD couldn't resist the temptation to put themselves on the slippery slop back to childhood — when they volunteered to move playground equipment from Hayling Island to Waterlooville.

A large slide, swing and rocking horse which used to provide entertainment for children on holiday have been donated to South Africa Lodge.

Owners

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines' Children's Home has been given the equipment by Dr. and Mrs. Brennan, owners of the Hayling Island site which is due for

redevelopment.

Nine young officers from the School of Maritime Operations, Southwick — all of whom are on an Officer of the Watch course — swung into action to uproot the equipment which had been set in concrete.

But they decided that a bit of horsing about was in order first to make sure that the equipment was in good working order for its new owners.

Little ship—Large profit!

HMS ATTACKER, one of the Royal Navy's smallest vessels, defied her size by making a very large effort for Children in Need — visiting 24 ports in 24 hours and raising £8,000 for the charity.

Commanding officer Lieut.-Cdr. Graham Black, CPO(OPS) Tom Ord, CPO(OPS) Jim Houghton, CPO(MEA) Bill Simpson, LMEM Dave Allener, and RO Russ Abbott — the "regulars" on the Tracker class fast patrol boat — were joined by nine students from Glasgow University's Naval Reserve, keen to help in the fund-raising.

Marathon

Buckets and tins decorated with the Children in Need symbol were much in evidence as the team set off on their marathon journey, and from Greenock to Dunoon, Millport to Ayr, Brodick to Tarbert, Inveraray to Rothesay, Kilcraggan to Faslane, the money poured in.

Kip Marina at Inverkip came up trumps with the largest donation of the journey — £1,000 — and one of the more unusual deposits of money came from 819 Squadron, Prestwick who dropped money from a helicopter on to the Attacker as she made her 10-minute stop in Ardrossan harbour.

Picture: LA(Phot) George Tweedie, HMS Neptune.



Sponsored cyclists speed round Sultan for charities' cash

COMMANDING officer of HMS Sultan, Capt. Terry Meadows, got on his bike — and joined the first team of three cyclists on the opening lap of the Sultan 500, a sponsored ride round the base's perimeter road.

The RN Cycle Racing Club organised the relay race, with the target of 500 miles in 24 hours, and hosted five teams with riders from Sultan, Daedalus, Cardiff, Nelson, RNE Seaford Park and Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar.

Luckiest trio was the appropriately nicknamed "Jams" — LWEM Jeff Harper (HMS Cardiff), LMA Alan Beever (HMS Nelson) and MA Mark Beever (RNH Haslar) — who set a new record of nearly 454 miles in 24 hours.

POWEM Chris Turvey recorded the fastest lap time of 2 mins. 48 secs, with Royal Marines' Corporal Nick Harwood picking up the honours for the fastest five laps in 15 mins. 25 secs.

LWEM Jeff Harper — with £140 for HMS Cardiff's charity chest — took the trophy for the most sponsorship, with CPOMEA Peter Woods (HMS Sultan) and AEM Andy Funnel (RNE Seaford) achieving second and third highest amounts respectively.

The riders managed a total of over 1,000 miles, raising nearly £400 for various charities.

Cumberland joins

HMS CUMBERLAND, the latest Type 22 frigate, has joined the Fleet in Portsmouth with her acceptance into service.

The new Cumberland is the sixteenth to bear the name. Her Second World War predecessor played an important role in the Battle of the River Plate in 1939, which ended with the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee.

Primarily an anti-submarine frigate, the Cumberland is armed with the latest sonar and missile systems. She is also equipped

the Fleet

with Goalkeeper, the highly-automated extremely rapid-fire machine gun system used for anti-missile defence.

The Cumberland's commanding officer is bringing 22 years of submarine service experience to the surface with his new command. Capt. Mike Gregory is facing the change of roles — from hunted to hunter — with relish.

BRERETON BACK IN

SEAHAM

A ROYAL inspection, a full civic reception, social evenings and a trip down a coal mine were in all store for the ship's company of HMS Brereton when she paid a fourth visit to Seaham.

The County Durham port is affiliated to the Brereton and played the welcoming host on her visit, which also included a ceremonial guard and parade for the Princess Royal when she opened the Seaham Mission to Seamen.

Five brave Breretons, including the commanding officer, Lieut. R. C. Wellesley,

spent three hours underground in the local coal mine, which meant crawling along one-metre high coal faces for 300 metres.

Other entertainments for the Brereton ship's company included a social evening at the police club, and two events at local pubs rounding off a successful return visit.

Spanish duty for Achilles

WITH her spell of escort duty of HMY Britannia over, HMS Achilles has returned from Spain to Portsmouth after the Queen's successful visit.

A Penny for your memories

MEMORIES of the Second World War HMS Penelope have been awakened during a visit to Antwerp by the present ship of the name.

The Penelope's commanding officer, Cdr. R. A. Goddard, met David Belben, of the war-time Penelope's commanding officer, purely by chance.

Along with 400 members of his ship's company David's father, Capt Belben, did not survive the torpedoing and sinking off the Italian coast in 1944.

David enjoyed an evening's entertainment on board the Penelope, during which Cdr. Goddard presented him with a print of the ship as a souvenir of the occasion.

The Achilles had accompanied the Royal Yacht to Barcelona, with the ship's company having time to explore the attractions of the city and surrounding areas before duty called.

Accompanied by the Spanish naval ship Asturias, the Achilles and the Britannia then left Barcelona for Palma, Majorca. The ship's company took full advantage of the warm weather, good beaches and entertainment during the stay on the island.

Madeira

Starting for home, the Achilles then travelled to the Atlantic island of Madeira, where she spent three days berthed near the Portuguese island's capital, Funchal.

During their weekend stay, the Achilles officers and men were able to explore the beautiful mountain scenery, taste the famous Madeira wine and buy souvenirs.

In contrast to her outward voyage, the ship enjoyed good weather on her return, and the deployment was rounded off by a successful flight deck barbecue, before much colder British waters were entered.



Miss Bilton is Miss Wilton

HMS Wilton's crowning achievement when she sailed up the Thames was the coronation of the lovely Tracey Bilton as Miss HMS Wilton. The mine countermeasures vessel was paying a goodwill visit to London.

Trophies return to PT school

HMS Temeraire, the Royal Navy's PT school, has taken possession of trophies and artefacts dating back to the 1920s, when they adorned the battleship of the same name, then a cadet sea training vessel.

They include furnishings from the captain's gig, a ceremonial bellrope made by CPO R. Lewington and two paintings. For a quarter of a century they have been in the safe keeping of Hawke Division, Britannia Royal Naval College.

They went to BRNC in 1960 when the Upper Yardman Training College, Rosyth, closed down and moved to the old Victorian hospital at Britannia and became Temeraire Division, continuing in its role of training Upper Yardmen.

Today, Upper Yardies — young men chosen from the lower deck for a commission — are trained alongside other officers, so Temeraire Division closed in 1962 and Hawke took over the building, sharing the role with three other BRNC Divisions.

The trophies were handed over during a divisional exercise in Portsmouth and 50 officers under training from Hawke were present for the handover. Mid. Clayton Webb, a present-day Upper Yardy, climbed a rope to make the handover to CPOPT Brian Powell.

Prince visits RNXS

PRINCE MICHAEL of Kent saw Clyde members of the Royal Naval Auxiliary Service demonstrate their skills when he visited their Greenock headquarters.

He saw members of the Glasgow, Greenock and Ayr units of the Service engaged in a naval control of shipping and port defence exercise and took a look at the RNXS vessels Cartmel and Exploit, the latter being a new fast patrol craft delivered to the Scottish RNXS.

Prince Michael, who was met by the head of the RNXS, Capt. Richard Stenlake, became patron of the Service when it celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 1987.

Lusty beats Ark to Ark

FORMER HMS Illustrious ship's company members have beaten Ark Royal's to the landfall site of the original Ark. Lieut.-Cdr. Paul Engham accompanied by Lieut. Chris Terrel have climbed to the top of Mount Ararat in troubled Kurdistan.

The traditional resting place of Noah's Ark is actually a dormant volcano — a 17,200 ft. peak which overlooks Russia and Turkey.

SILVER VIDEO

THE Autumn 1987 edition of the video Viewpoint RN has won a silver medal at the New York International Film and TV Festival.

It was placed second in the magazine format (in-house category), for which there were 36 entries. In all a record 1,600 non-broadcast entries from more than 40 countries were entered for the festival.

The Autumn 1987 Viewpoint featured Faslane and the Submarine flotilla, including clips involving HM submarines Trafalgar, Superb and Otus.

New chapter opens in Library's history

THE NAVAL Historical Library is on the move from Empress State Building, London, to join the unified Ministry of Defence Library Service in Great Scotland Yard, off Whitehall.

The Admiralty Library came into being in 1812, three years after clerk John Finlaison was first appointed to bring order to the mass of papers which had accumulated in the Secretary of the Admiralty's offices during the preceding years.

Within a year he had established a naval record office system of numbered, cross-indexed papers. In July 1812, he assumed the further task of sorting out the Admiralty's vast collection of books and pamphlets, some of them objects of great rarity or historic interest even then.

Finlaison left in 1821 and eventually the Hydrographer of the Navy Capt. John

Washington, was instructed to take charge. The task was inherited by successors and most important result of this reign was the addition of the Hydrographer's collection of books, atlases and charts.

In 1898 responsibility returned to the Secretary, but the work of the first librarian appointed under the new regime, Richard Thorburn, had been complicated by the decisions of the Admiralty to remove its belongings from Somerset House to the Admiralty Building and the terrace in Spring Gardens.

This move took place between 1869 and 1873 and had the effect of reducing the library from discomfort to squalor.

Early in the 20th Century the library moved to Admiralty Arch — built as a

memorial to Queen Victoria — where it remained until 1963.

For the past 25 years the library has been situated on the 25th floor of Empress State Building.

When the Admiralty became the Navy Department of the MOD in 1964, the library was renamed the Naval Historical Library. By 1981 it was the only departmental library to remain outside the joint MOD Library Service and it was decided that it should be incorporated at the time of the Central Library's move to Great Scotland Yard.

Under the new arrangements the naval collection will be located adjacent to the Naval Historical Branch, which is also making the move from Empress State to Whitehall to remain close to one of its major sources of material.

The library is due to open this month.

A hope and a prayer and a crystal ball

Much of our work on the drafting front involves having to plan well in advance of the requirement. However, there is a limit to just how far we can look ahead because, of course, drafting is influenced by a number of factors, not the least of which are ship or squadron movements, notice giving, welfare, sickness, schemes of complement and so on.

Every effort is made to avoid changes once a draft has been issued, unless a change is in an individual's interest or is essential for Service reasons. It follows therefore, that the further we look ahead the greater the likelihood that a change may be necessary.

Crystal balls do tend to receive an extra polish when, for example, we are preparing technical senior ratings for sea drafts. Not only are they entitled to the same 5 months drafting notice as other ratings but their PJTs can take a year or more to complete. Therefore, if you are thinking of applying for an extension of your sea draft, you should make your wishes known in the reply to the appropriate Stage Relief letter, approximately a year before your ERD.

Preferences

In last month's Drafty's Corner, the function of Drafting Preference Cards and C240s and the importance of keeping them up to date, was covered at some length. We make no apology for continuing this subject in a little more detail this month, because a sound understanding of the forms is so important to successful drafting.

Don't forget that a DPC remains valid and the details are held on the computer until the next DPC is rendered. On the other hand a C240 remains val-

id for 2 years and will only be cancelled in the meantime if you render another, asking us to cancel it. Furthermore, you may submit as many C240s as you wish — but not more than one for the same preference. (A duplicate C240 achieves nothing and is a complete waste of everybody's time). Upon receipt, the preference is fed into the computer and you join the list of any other volunteers for the same billet.

Before representing your views to Drafty, using either of the above forms, it makes good sense to look at the Supplement to BR 14 (Drafting Instructions) to establish that there are billets for your particular category in the unit for which you are applying. A revised edition of the Supplement will hopefully be issued within the next few months.

Specialised Drafts

Over the last few years, a number of major changes have been made to the list of Specialised Drafts, principally affecting those at Lee-on-Solent, where the vast majority of jobs are now "Specialised". So, if you are a Lee preferee, please make maximum use of the Specialised Draft Section of the DPC. It should be noted that DGA(N)NATEC LEE no longer exists as a discreet unit, having been dispersed as follows: MOD DGA(N)ASE — Yeovil; MOD DGA(N)ASE NAML — Fleetlands; MOD DGA(N)RNHSM — Yeovil; MOD DGA(N)SU — London; MOD DGA(N)SHSM — Kingston.

It is apparent that some rat-

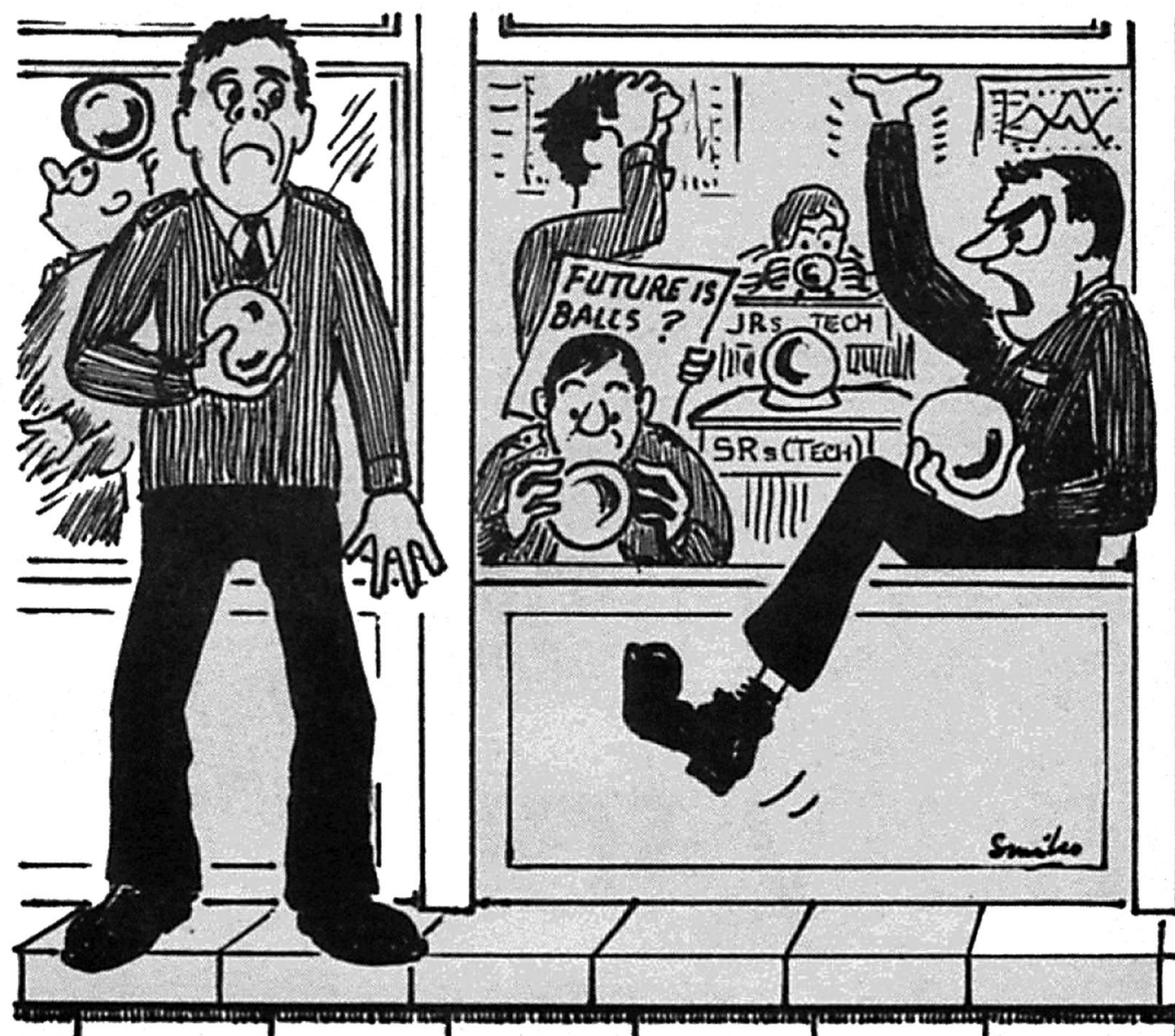
CALLING ALL WRENS

BOTH the Regulating and PT and R Branches have vacancies for Wrens and need more of them.

At the moment many Wren Reg. and PT billets are having to be gapped or filled by men and several establishments with large WRNS contingents cannot be provided with a Wren Regulator or Wren PT.

Candidates with the right aptitude and qualities (see BR 1066 Chapter 16 and Article 2214 for Reg; Chapter 21 and Article 2210A for PT and R) who want a responsible, different and challenging job should request, through their commanding officers, for consideration.

Waiting times for course for both branches are short and successful applicants can expect to join their new branches as soon as they can be spared from their current ones.



"Move over!"

ings could be working closer to their home address if they were aware of the existence of, and volunteered for, the FAA billets at such places as RAF Wyton, HMS Raleigh or HMS Neptune. An indication of the rates and trades required may be found in the Supplement to BR 14.

Fleet Air Arm Drafting Team

Your Fleet Air Arm Drafting team line up is now:

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WL/R Trade Jnr. Rates — WRN Hitchcock (Ext 2123)

New branch rouses strong interest

(AC) CANDIDATES



Following the announcement of formation of the Aircraft Control Branch in DCI(RN) 160/88, there have been over 100 applicants and continuing interest from ratings wishing to transfer to the Branch.

This bodes well for the future. The first ones have completed training and are being drafted to complement billets for consolidation or validation. These ratings will progressively fill all billets currently filled by ratings holding the HC adqual (at sea) and the ATC or AATC adqual ashore.

If you are interested in becoming an Aircraft Controller and getting in on the ground floor of a new branch, you will find full details in the above DCI and in BR 1066. Should you have any lingering doubts or uncertainties, ask your DO to contact the AC Branch Project Officer at RNAS Yeovilton Ext 5236.

"Keeping pigeons hardly indicates an aptitude for Aircraft Control duties, does it Bloggins?"

A Home from Home for Sailors . . . at Aggies



When Aggie Weston founded her Rests over 100 years ago she saw the need for a "Home from Home" where sailors would find a welcome and companionship. The Rests have changed over the years but these principles still hold good. Come and see us. You won't find any beer but you will find something that will more than make up for that.

Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary, 2A South Street, Gosport, Hants PO12 1ES.

Royal Sailors' Rests



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ROSYTH - Rosyth Rest, Ferry Toll Road - GOSPORT - Rowmer Rest, Grange Lane
PLYMOUTH - St. Budeaux Rest, Poole Park Rd., St. Budeaux, (Families only)

Century for scramblers

SINCE taking over the full-time search and rescue commitment from HMS Daedalus on April 1 1988, helicopter crews of 772 Squadron, based at Portland, have been launched over 100 times.

The Sea King Mark 4 helicopter crew for the 100th scramble was Lieut. Doug Skinner, POACMN David Hunn and diver CPO Chris Crossley.

Sea Kings of 772 Squadron contribute to a nationwide rescue service which includes RAF, HM Coastguard, RNLI, rescue co-ordination centres, and search and rescue satellites.

Pictured for posterity

ARTIST Michael Hill has completed a large watercolour depicting various aspects of life at HMS Raleigh.

Entitled "Raleigh Training", the work was officially unveiled by Flag Officer Plymouth, Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster, in the Heritage Centre of the Torpoint training base.

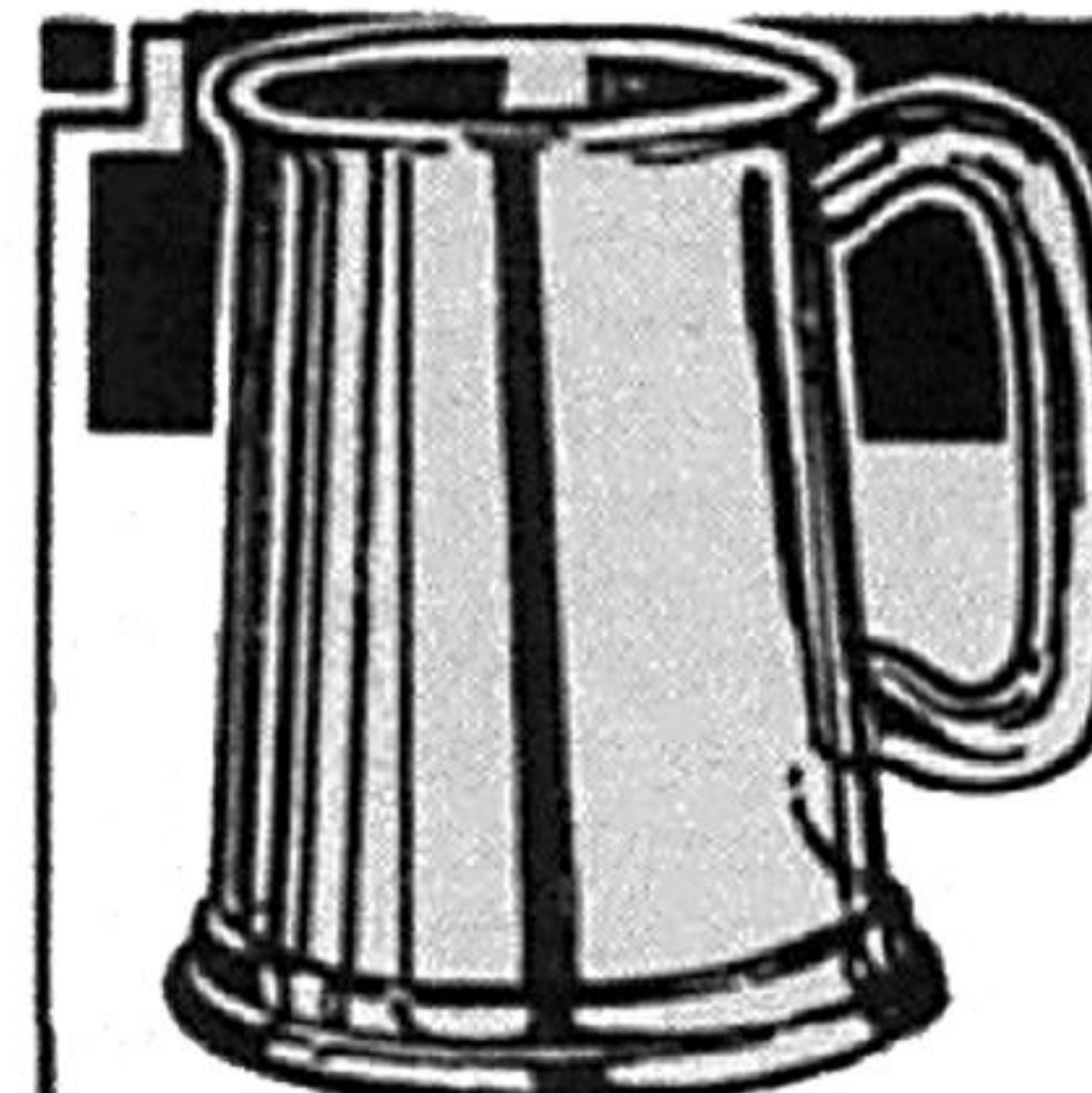
The painting was commissioned by the Amenities Committee and paid for from funds belonging to Raleigh's RN and WRNS ratings.

A fanfare by Royal Marines

bandsmen preceded the presentation and among those present to watch it were the commanding officer of HMS Raleigh, Capt. Peter Grindal, and the Executive Commander, Cdr. John Sadler.

Mr. Hill, a local man, gained the commission after Amenities Committee members saw an exhibition of his work at Plymouth's Barbican Gallery.

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NEVER FORGET THE COVENTRY



The new HMS Coventry off the Isle of Wight

Picture: HMS Osprey

Service across the world over three centuries

A PROUD history attaches to the five ships previously to have borne the name HMS Coventry, which between them won ten Battle Honours.

The most recent honour — Falkland Islands 1982 — was earned by the fifth HMS Coventry, a Type 42 destroyer designed for air defence and commissioned into naval service in early 1979.

Three years later she sailed to the South Atlantic as part of the Task Force to liberate the Falkland Islands. By May 24 she had destroyed 12 enemy aircraft, either with her own missiles or by directing friendly fighters into battle.

The following day was Argentina's National Day and a major offensive was expected. During the first attack the Coventry destroyed a further three aircraft with her Sea Darts, but in a subsequent raid she was hit by three bombs.

Within seconds the ship was on fire and listing heavily. Eventually she was abandoned with the loss of 19 of her ship's company.

Tobruk

Her immediate predecessor, the fourth HMS Coventry, ward off attacks from Zeppelins and other aircraft during the First World War. Peacetime duties in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets followed until 1935 when she was transferred to reserve.

By April 1937 she had been refitted and rearmed. Her six inch guns and torpedo tubes

were replaced with high angle four inch and multiple machine guns.

She served in the Home Fleet from 1939 to 1940, before joining the desperate fighting in the Mediterranean Sea. She was bombed and sunk off Tobruk on September 14, 1942.

Built at Beaulieu and put on the Navy List in 1757, the third HMS Coventry was a 586 ton frigate with a complement of 200 men. She was involved in

Battle Honours

Quiberon 1759, Trincomalee 1782, Spartivento 1940, Atlantic 1940, Norway 1940, Greece 1941, Crete 1941, Libya 1941, Mediterranean 1941 and Falkland Islands 1982.

many skirmishes over the years, particularly against the French Fleet and it was the French who eventually claimed her in 1783.

Cruising in the Bay of Bengal, she had sailed into the midst of what was taken to be a fleet of British merchantmen but turned out to be a squadron of French warships. The French added the Coventry to their own fleet.

The second HMS Coventry was built at Deptford. The

Navy List of 1694 recorded her as 670 tons, having 48 guns and a complement of 226. The press gang was used to make up her crew.

In 1704 the Coventry was captured by the French off the Scillies. Five years later HMS Portland recaptured her in the West Indies, but she was not restored to the Navy List.

Back to the beginning, the first HMS Coventry was the renamed San Miguel, captured from the Spanish in 1658. A Biscayer of San Sebastian, she had a complement of 180 men and was mounted with 28 guns.

● Another HMS Coventry was almost added to the list. A Type 61 frigate was laid down as the Coventry by Vickers Armstrong, Newcastle-on-Tyne, but during building, plans were changed to a Leander class and she was renamed Penelope before launching in August 1962.

POSTCARDS of Ships of the Royal Navy are obtainable at 50p each (minimum order £1.50) from Navy News, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth PO1 3HH. An order for 12 cards is priced at £5.50, and a standing order for the supply of each of 12 cards on publication can be arranged on receipt of £10. Prices include postage and packing, and postcards will be despatched on receipt of stamps, postal order or cheque. No postcards are stocked of ships which finally paid off before 1956.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Length: 148m. Beam: 14.8m. Draught: 6.4m. Speed: 30 knots; 18 on Tynes. Range: 4,500 miles at 18 knots on Tynes. Propulsion: COGOG; two Rolls-Royce Spey SM1A gas turbines, 37,540 shp. Two Rolls-Royce Tyne RM1C gas turbines, 9,700 shp. Complement: 273 (30 officers) with accommodation for 296. Displacement: 4,100 tons standard and 4,800 tons full load.

LAST of the Batch II Type 22 frigates, the new HMS Coventry was laid down at Swan Hunter's Tyneside yard in March 1984 and launched by floodlight in the early hours of April 8, 1986.

Christened with a bottle of champagne by Lady Stanford, her sponsor, she was sent down the slipway at 3.45 a.m., beating threatened industrial action and winning a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the "earliest time of launch".

The size of a Second World War light cruiser, being 148 metres long and displacing nearly 5,000 tons, the Coventry is powered by Rolls-Royce Olympus and Tyne gas turbines, developing 50,000 horse power. She can reach a speed of just over 30 knots in a minute.

A "stretched" frigate, HMS Coventry differs from the first ships of the class having had ten metres added between the bridge and the foremast. This — together with her rakish bow — gives her a noticeably sleeker look than her older sisters.

Fitted with twin sets of the latest Seawolf missile system, the ship has a highly effective self-defence capability against supersonic missiles and aircraft. Initial detection of the hostile targets is made by the sophisticated Type 967M radar, which automatically alerts the Seawolf computers. They in turn fire the weapons without any human intervention. Anti-ship weapons carried are the latest version of the Exocet missile.

As an anti-submarine frigate, the Coventry is fitted with medium range active sonar Type 2016 and special instrumentation to allow sonar conditions to be forecast. She also has the latest generation of passive sonars: a fully reelable towed array which is streamed astern of the ship, keeping track of underwater contacts without transmitting and giving away her own position.

Her main anti-submarine weapon is the Mark 3 Lynx helicopter, which can be armed with Sea Skua missiles and

guns. Armed with Sting Ray torpedoes, the aircraft can also be used for troop transport and support, search and rescue and intelligence gathering.

A computer assisted command system links all the weapons and sensors to give a clear picture of the air, surface and



The Coventry's badge shows an elephant bearing a castle. Her motto is *Fortis fert securitatem* — The strong carries safety.

sub-surface activity, allowing the optimum response from the ship.

Since acceptance on July 1 last year, the Coventry has undergone extensive testing and calibration of the numerous weapons systems and sensors.

She completed her Safety Operational Sea Training at Portland in October, before commissioning on October 14 at Portsmouth.

November and December saw the ship visiting Gibraltar, Crete and Marseilles before returning to Plymouth for Christmas.

The future programme involves an assisted maintenance period in Plymouth before completing trials and proceeding to Basic Operational Sea Training in the spring.



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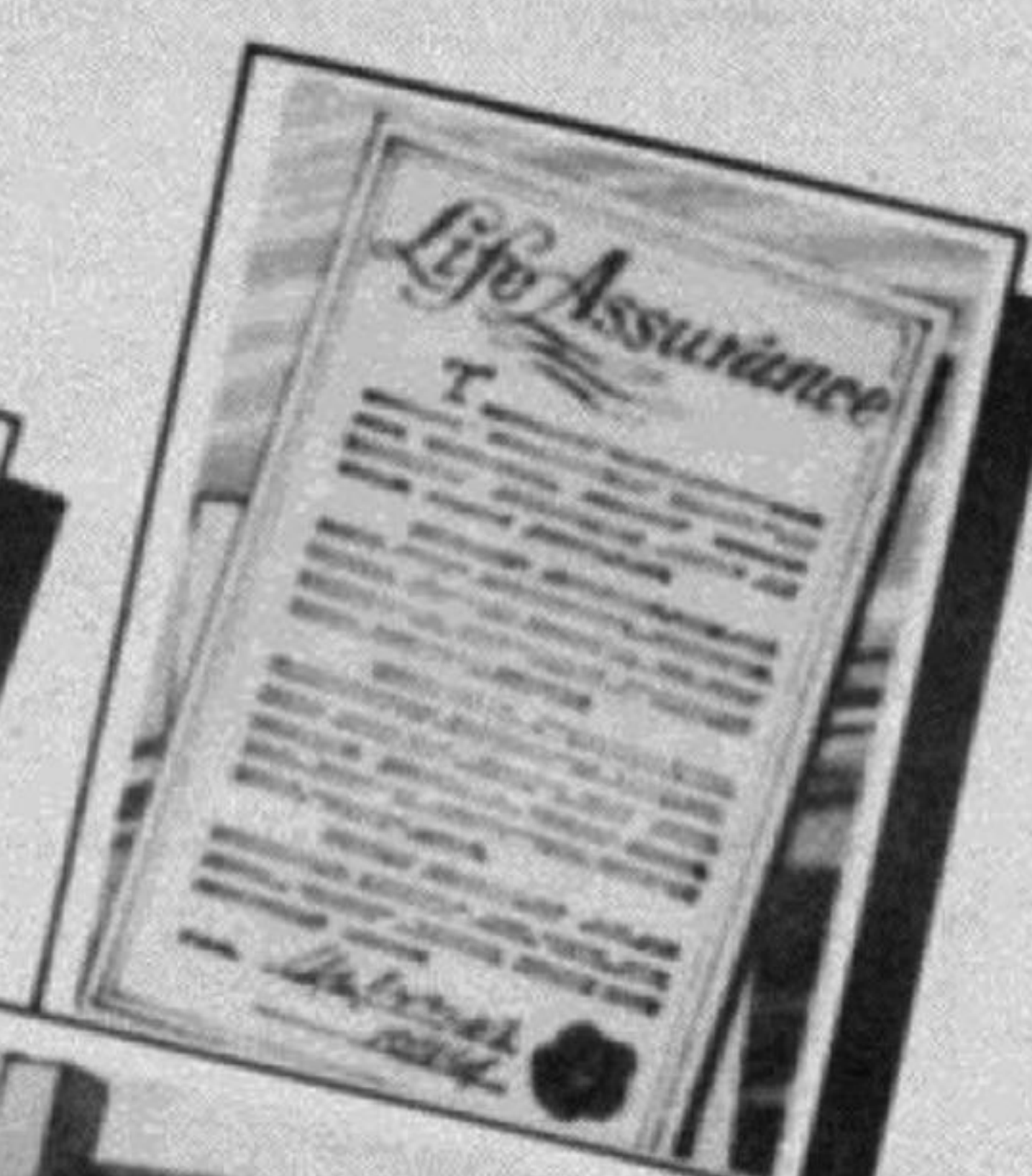
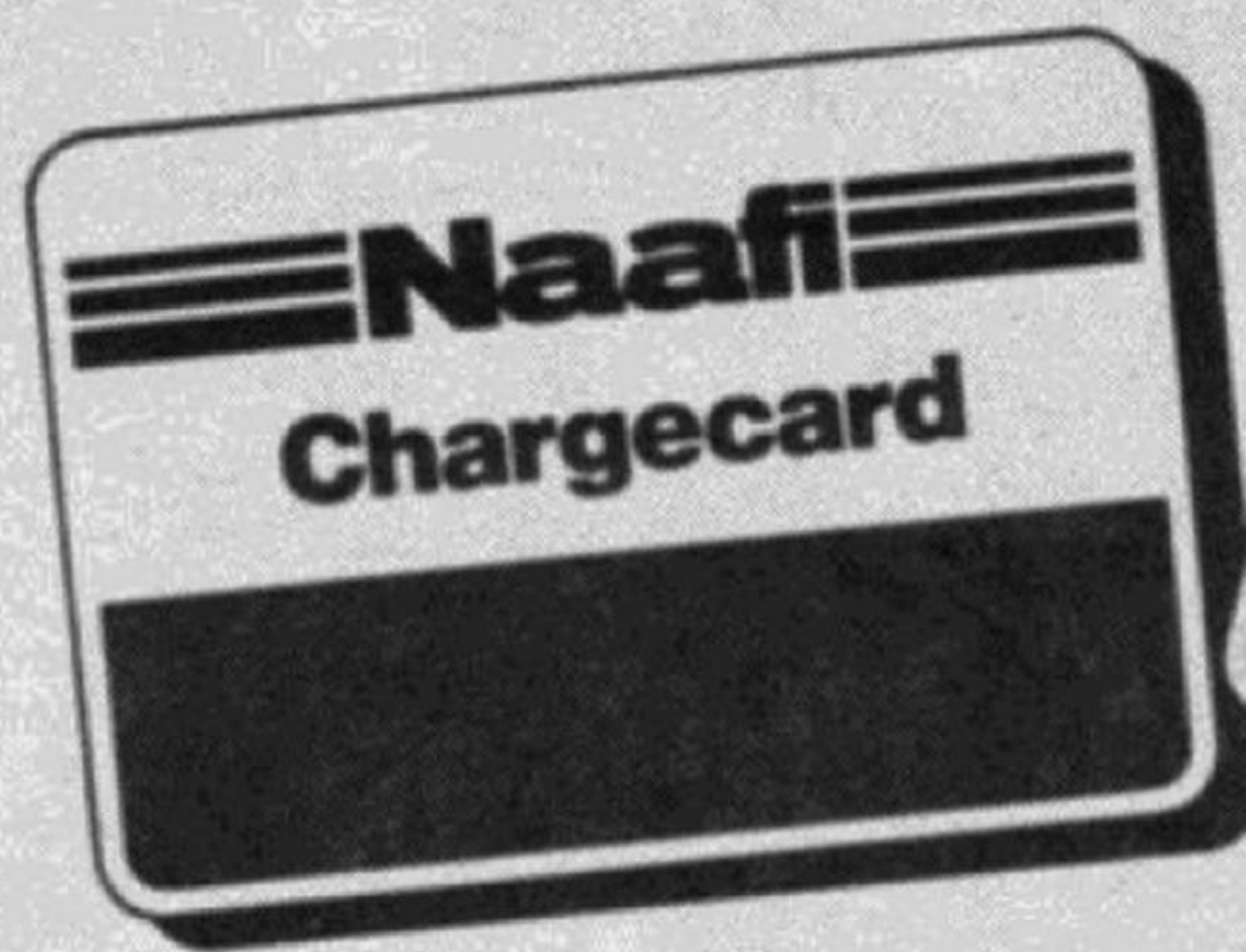
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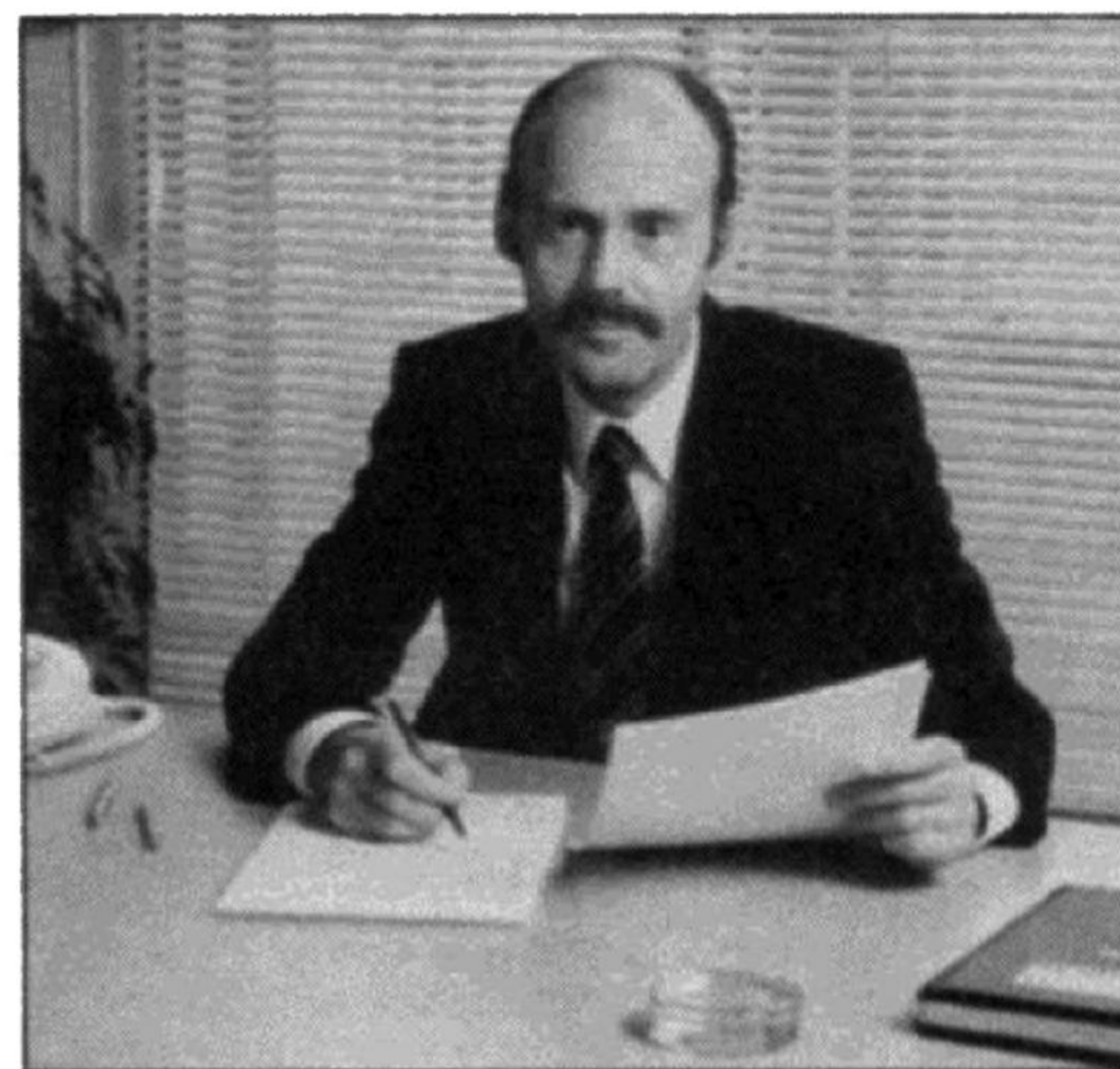
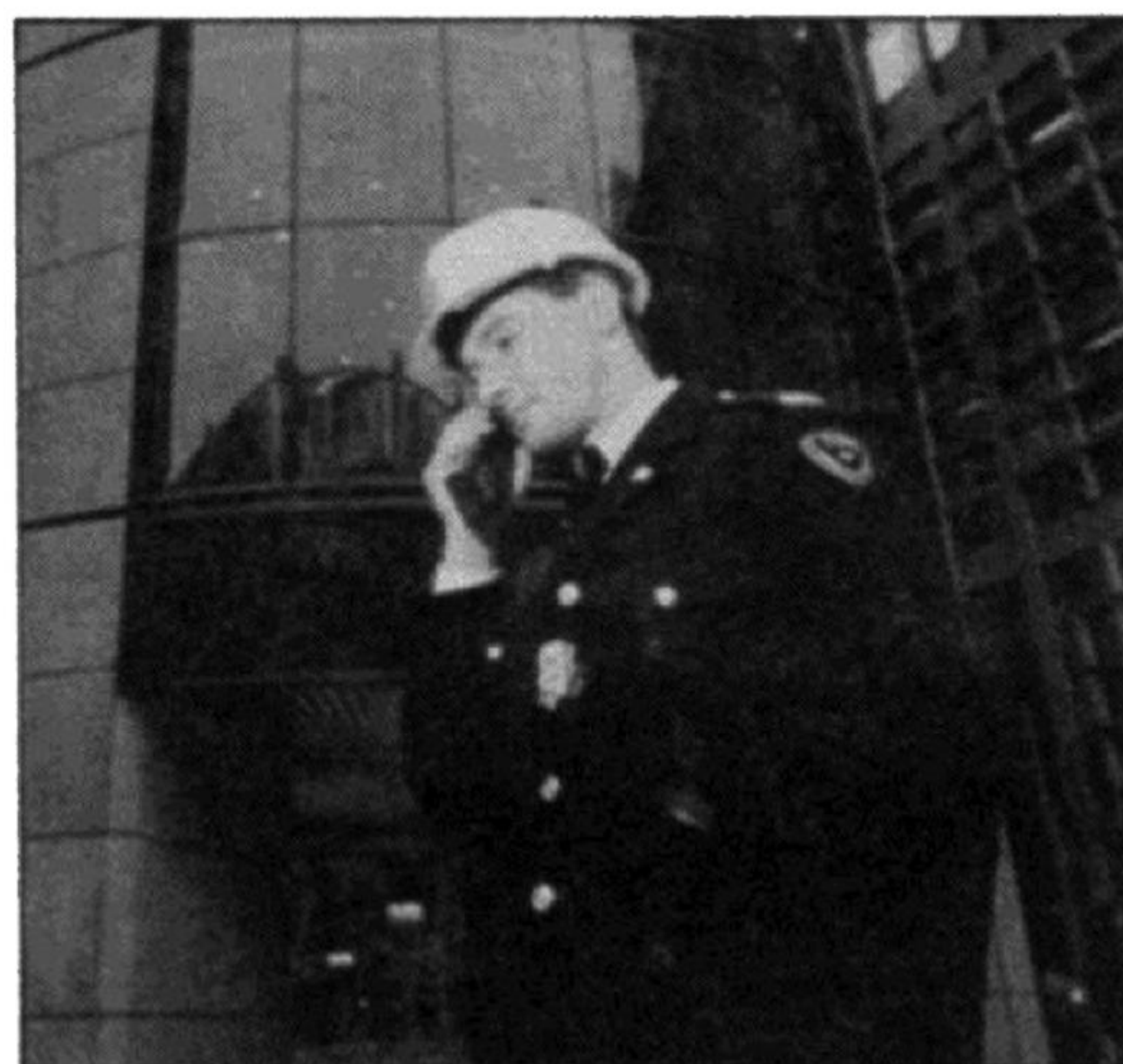
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Hope over Kent graves

FOLLOWING the letter (August edition) headed "Sad state of Kent graves," this matter was taken up on behalf of the Royal Naval Association's No 2 Area by the chairman of Chatham Branch, Shipmate Jack Harris.

He wrote to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Gillingham Borough Council.

It appears that there has been some lack of co-operation between the two parties in the past, with the result that the naval graves have suffered.

We are sincerely hoping that the graves will be put right in the very near future. — J. Baldwin, Secretary, No 2 Area, RNA.

Correspondence enclosed concerning Woodlands Cemetery, Gillingham, refers to an informal meeting between representatives of Gillingham Borough Council, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the RNA at which the situation and the problems involved were discussed. — Editor.

The Brave Algerine

AS A member of the Algerines Association, may I point out that the Second World War HMS Brave mentioned in the November edition item was not a River class minesweeper but an Algerine class M/S. She was one of over 100 built during the war which saw service all over the world in mine clearance until around the 1950-70s.

During two-and-a-half years work in the Mediterranean she assisted in the "lifting" of 1,700 mines, her contribution being the second highest with 318 to her credit. She is one of the adopted ships of the association, another being HMS Onyx.

I was one of the association members who had the pleasure of a day at sea in the present HMS Brave from Plymouth during 1988, a trip much appreciated by the whole party.

Membership of our association is over 600 — and we are looking for more! — T. Brown, Ex-LTO. (Ex-HMS Seabear). Chelmsford, Essex.



Letters



MQs: They're no soft option

I MUST take issue with LReg C. S. Beetlestone's view (December edition) of the average resident in married quarters. He is, of course, to be congratulated for making the right financial decision for his own family, but he must allow the possibility that what is right for him may not suit all of us.

The decision to live full-time in married quarters is not always made as a result of financial naivety or irresponsibility — it is a matter of priorities.

We have lived in quarters for nearly 12 years and in that period we have moved nine times because our first priority is to spend as much time with our own tame "crusher" as Service life will allow. Naturally there are disadvantages in this nomadic existence (We have not moved 12 years along the house-buying trail, trading up where appropriate).

But it does not mean that we intend to "sponge off" anyone now or later. Like many other people, we have arranged endowment insurance which can be linked to a future mortgage. We pay for this in addition to our quarters charges so it is not a soft or cheap option to remain in quarters.

I don't doubt that there are those who lack foresight and fail to plan for civilian life, but not the mass of lazy, ignorant spongers the LReg suggests.

As for the problems of retention, I doubt that allowances are a major factor. Many people who are leaving now say it is because it has become an all-work-and-no-play Navy.

With so many gapped billets and longer sea drafts, there is less time available for the sport and recreation which used to compensate for the periods of

flat-out working.

Money is not the first priority for everyone — some of us will make substantial financial sacrifices for a better quality of life. — Jacqueline Slade, Ilchester. Yeovil.

IN REPLY to the letter (December) from a Leading Regulator and his views on travelling expenses, there are a lot of ratings, both senior and junior, who are in married quarters because they cannot afford the artificially high house prices which the main naval areas (Plymouth, Portsmouth and Faslane) are attracting at the moment.

These men are, in the main, following the presently encouraged policy of being with their families as often as possible and therefore reducing the

number of "unhappy" wives.

However, there are a lot of single men nowadays who are buying their own properties. Where they are fortunate enough to afford their house in their port area they have never been given "Home to Duties." Of course, those of us in this position accept this as part and parcel of being a houseowner.

Surely your correspondent can accept his cut in expenses in good grace and think of the day when he leaves the Service and the value of his investment!

The "lazy SRs" will be starting a mortgage at the age of 40-plus, or else living in a house which will never be theirs.

On the point of allowances, most of us single houseowners are pleased at the introduction of an equality in disturbance allowance, legal fees etc. — S. R. Houseowner, HM Submarines.

SUPERB CRUISER!

CONCERNING the "Ships of the Royal Navy" feature on HMS Superb (September), could I mention the Superb which was not listed — the 8,500-ton cruiser built during the Second World War.

She was flagship of the America and West Indies Station 1952-55 and was crewed from Chatham. I served in her as the admiral's second coxswain.

Stationed in Bermuda, we covered North and South America and the islands designated, including the Falklands. We were support vessel during the troubles in British Guiana, when we transported many of the British army garrisoned in Jamaica, together with support vehicles.

She was at the Queen's Coronation Fleet Review at Spithead and then returned to the America and West Indies Station in Bermuda as flagship. — A. White, Ex-PO, Rigg-Of-Gretna, Carlisle.

Thanks to other correspondents who wrote about the Superb, including her service in the Mediterranean. — Editor.

tions had changed little since Victorian times and approved naval outfitters lacked incentive for innovation, facing loss of recognition and valuable contracts for any deviation.

MEAGRE PAY

Nevertheless fashions were to be found and many a matelot mortgaged his meagre pay for months in advance to appear smartly and fashionably dressed.

Before joining up I was in the tailoring trade and had already acquired my "tiddy suit" even though I knew I would be unable to wear it during my initial six weeks in HMS Glendower.

It was to become the envy of my messmates and of many an officer, as well as being the bane of many a Master-at-Arms who sensed something irregular but lacked the technical know-how to pinpoint deviations.

The material was of high-gloss fine beaver, a type favoured by a few wealthy flag officers who alone could afford such luxury. Most officers and senior rates had to be content with varying qualities of the inferior doeskin, yet there was I, a humble probationary sick bay tiddy, arrayed like an admiral.

FROM OLD STOCK

Little was anyone to know my uniform was made from a salvaged remnant of old stock that had lain unwanted in a basement for years!

We may have flouted regulations in the wartime navy but let no-one accuse us of being scruffy. Many of our innovations eventually became recognised and were incorporated into official uniform as approved by Dress Regulations. — J. Hinton, Ex-CPOMA, Worcester.

Thanks to the many other correspondents who have written about "Tiddy Jack." Sorry we could not use them all. — Editor.

ALLOWANCES IDEA IS NOT SO SIMPLE

From Deputy Director of Naval Service Conditions(Pay)

IN THE November edition letter headed "Allowances: the real absurdity," there is a positive proposal at the end which deserves a response.

CPOWTR P. J. Laggan proposes that parents claiming Boarding School Allowance for their children should be allowed to serve unaccompanied when it can be shown to be cheaper to the Crown than requiring them to move house or take over a married quarter.

Very sensible on the face of it, but not, I fear, quite so simple. In fact, we thought through this sort of proposal while drafting the new rules. CPO Laggan talks of a draft "from Portsmouth to Rosyth for 12 months, returning to Portsmouth on completion" and claims that the Crown would be some £5,000 better off if the family stayed put.

Fundamental

The first point is that I doubt if Drafty or the Appointer would be able to guarantee a return to the Portsmouth area except in a small minority of cases such as displaced refits. Thus calculations of relative cost, which would for obvious reasons have to be made before the first move, could only take into account one set of relocation expenses.

There may be some who, knowing that their draft was only for a little over 12

months, would nevertheless go through the hassle of buying a new house in Rosyth, and then selling it again on moving South. But I suspect the majority would not.

Thus the balance of cost would most probably have to exclude the new allowance for legal expenses of conveyancing and the highest rates of Disturbance Allowance; the balance becomes at best marginal, and is nowhere near £5,000.

Then, of course, there is the more fundamental question of the purpose of BSA. It is to assist with the cost of boarding school education to provide continuity for the child, while parents to be accompanied may move their homes from draft to draft.

Over recent years we have all (myself included) tended to see BSA as a perk with very few strings attached. We have ignored the eternal truth that continuity can equally be achieved at a day school if the parents do not plan to move house.

I accept that the other side of the same coin is that, as drafts cannot be guaranteed in advance, naval families can seldom plan their future with absolute certainty. But that is not the same as planning not to move.

In future some parents may be fortunate and have a succession of drafts which allow

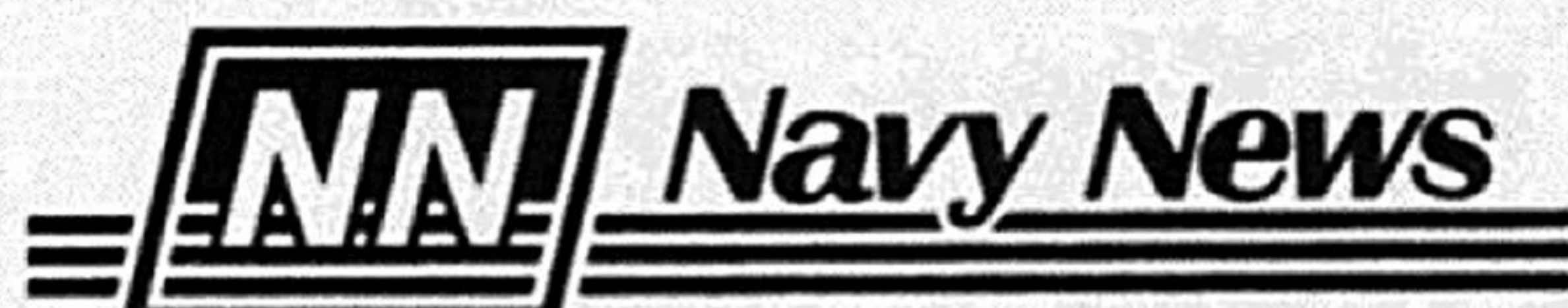
them to leave the family in one place and maintain their eligibility for BSA; we went to great lengths during Review to ensure, for example, that this applied to virtually all sea drafts.

Exceptions

The exceptions to the general rule of family mobility (BR 1950 new article 1411) are as wide-ranging as we were able to make them, but there may well be occasions when individuals find themselves in a totally invidious position which we were unable to predict in the rules.

That is one reason why there is provision for individuals to ask for a review of their BSA eligibility in advance of a draft, and I hope that those who really do have a strong case will not hesitate to put it forward.

As for the rest of CPO Laggan's letter, I would urge him to have another look through some of the mounds of paper that the Review of Allowances has generated in recent months. I well understand that there is a lot to absorb, but most of his questions have already been answered. — I. P. Somerville, Capt. Deputy Director of Naval Service Conditions (Pay).



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Active-ity in the islands

A ROYAL visit to the British dependency of Montserrat saw members of the ship's company of HMS Active on duty as part of the guard of honour outside the parliament buildings.

The Active, operating as West Indies Guard Ship, timed her stop in Montserrat to coincide with the arrival of Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, who carried out the inspection of the guard.

Later in the day, the Princess attended a reception on the flight deck of HMS Active and presented several Long Service and Good Conduct medals to members of the ship's company. On both occasions she earned herself admirers by taking time to speak to the officers and men.

Island-hopping HMS Active was well used to ceremonial duties by the time she met the Royal visitors — having already paraded at Independence celebrations in Antigua and Dominica.

In Antigua the ship's Lynx helicopter performed a fly-past and after the formal proceed-

ings members of the ship's company were able to visit the historic Nelson's Dockyard in English Harbour. They also had the chance for some swimming and sunbathing — and plenty of space for it, as the island has 365 golden beaches!

Torpedo firing trials at the underwater test and evaluation centre in the Bahamas were on the agenda when the Active headed north from Montserrat and these were followed by a short visit to Nassau.

In Norfolk, Virginia, the American carrier USS America was berthed next to the Active and the British ship's company was again called on to parade — this time as the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic Change of Command ceremony took place on board the America. Representatives from Canada and the Netherlands were also involved.

During the Active's stay in Norfolk she received several VIP visitors — the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic and his Deputy; Commander-in-Chief Fleet; Flag Officer Flotilla 3; and the Commander British Navy Staff, Washington.



West Indies guardship guard of honour — the Active line-up outside Parliament buildings in Montserrat.

**Pictures:
HMS Active**



After inspecting the guard during her visit to Montserrat, Princess Alexandra stopped for a chat with members of the ship's company of HMS Active. Her lively interest was evident as she heard of their island-hopping duties.

Tyneside calls

STANAVFORCHAN, the multinational mine countermeasures squadron, visited Newcastle-on-Tyne following a series of exercises and inter-Service operations in the Channel and North Sea.

The Squadron is at present under the command of Cdr. Patrick Gale in the flagship HMS Ledbury.

Submarine resurfaces at Rosyth

FALKLANDS War veteran, HMS Valiant, has been re-dedicated in a ceremony at Rosyth — in the presence of the person who launched her 25 years ago.

Guest of honour, Lady Thorneycroft, launched the Valiant — now the Royal Navy's longest serving nuclear fleet submarine — at Barrow-in-Furness in December 1963.

Present commanding officer, Cdr. Philip Higgins, was joined at the rededication by past COs including Rear-Admiral Frank Grenier, Flag Officer Submarines, and Rear-Admiral Jeremy Larken, Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff.

Music

Music was provided by the Royal Marines, and Sea Cadets from Dunbar's TS Valiant also joined in the celebrations.

The cake was cut by Mrs. Jeannie Higgins, wife of the commanding officer, and MEM Martin Stitt.

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Soberton's 25-year link

A UNIQUE chain of command has come into force for HMS Soberton — currently under refit in Rosyth.

The First Lieutenant, Navigating Officer and a Midshipman from the 1964 ship's company are back together again — but in vastly altered roles.

The former "Jimmy" — Vice-Admiral Sir Jock Slater — as Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland now exercises operational control for the Fishery Protection Squadron of

which the Soberton is the longest-serving member.

Capt. Roy Harding has navigated his way into the post of Captain Fishery Protection, and Cdr. Philip Unwin is the Fishery Protection Squadron's Commander, administering the naval aspects for the 11 ships in the group.



OUT WITH THE OLD — IN WITH THE NEW

AS EVERYONE was thinking of celebrating the end of 1988 and welcoming 1989, Plymouth yielded up a perfect New Year picture — HMS Invincible, due out of refit late this month, passing the old Berry Head, on her way to be broken up.

HMS Berry Head — one of a class of repair ships named after geographical features on the coastline of the UK — was built in Vancouver in Canada during the Second World War, and was finally sold for scrap in 1987. She was one of the last ships of the period to remain in service with the Royal Navy.

On arrival in Britain in 1945 she had been placed in Reserve as part of the reduction of the

post-war Fleet, and extensive modifications were made to her in the early '60s, with further refit work being carried out in 1968.

After being commissioned by the Royal Navy for the first time late that year, she set off for the Far East early in 1969 as a Fleet Escort maintenance ship — her naval stores carried 40,000 different items, from radar valves to brass screws.

The new Invincible — conducting sea trials after a massive two-year refit — provided a stark contrast to the Berry Head. Her flight deck, with its runway extended since the ship was last at sea, came into use when a Sea King of 826 Squadron, piloted by Lieut. David Mansell, touched down — the first aircraft to use the ship since its reappearance.

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HANG IN THERE



"I don't like this harness much!"

THE training programme on offer this year for hang gliding enthusiasts is detailed in an announcement on the Joint Services Hang Gliding Centre in Powys. A wide range of standards is covered.

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Venture to the mountains

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How to control your digits



A ONE DAY course in digital control techniques is being held at RN Engineering College, Manadon, on Monday May 22.

An announcement says interest in these techniques has increased over the last decade as the application of computer controlled systems has become widespread, a process aided by the availability of cheap computing power.

The course is aimed at practising engineers and scientists working in defence establishments.

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SULTAN TRAINEES IN THE PICTURE

A NEW branch of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation, part of the British Forces Broadcasting Service, has been opened at HMS Sultan.

Capt. Terry Meadows, the commanding officer, opened the branch at a reception given by the managing director of SSVC, Mr Alan Prothero. The branch will provide a facility for television and video hire for the establishment's 1,800 trainees.

Mr Prothero also made a recent call at HMS Nelson for the official opening of the hydra-fit-

ness centre. The SSVC contributed towards this centre, which received grants totalling £12,000 from the Sailors' Fund and Fleet Amenities Fund.

Meanwhile, the SSVC made Christmas special for 1,000 Falkland islanders. The corporation, which already provided taped TV for the British Forces at

Mount Pleasant airfield, extended the service to the people of Port Stanley.

Under cover

FLAG Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Vice Admiral Sir Jock Slater, visited the last ship under his command with an open bridge when he presented a General Service Medal on board HMS Cygnet, which is now to have a bridge roof fitted.

Get Wise on DCIs

Splitting of the rosters

SEPARATE advancement rosters are to be set up for ratings of the Supply and Secretariat Branch serving in the Submarine Flotilla.

At present S and S branch ratings are selected for promotion and advancement from common rosters. This has led in the past to extremes of over-bearing and under-bearing against the requirement and an unbalanced employment pattern in the S and S branches in the Submarine Service.

It is to improve the match between bearing and requirement, and to provide ratings in these branches with a settled and predictable career structure and broader experience, that separate advancement rosters will now be set up for S and S ratings serving in the Submarine flotilla.

TO BE REPLACED

It has also been decided that in SSNs the POSTD should be gradually replaced by a POWTR. This change has been brought about by the increasing need for administrative effort in submarines and the increasing importance of personnel records etc. This change will take a number of years to effect.

From January 1 1989 the following changes will be initiated for S and S branch ratings:

● Separate advancement rosters — General Service and Submarine Service — will be established for the Cook, Steward, Stores Accountant

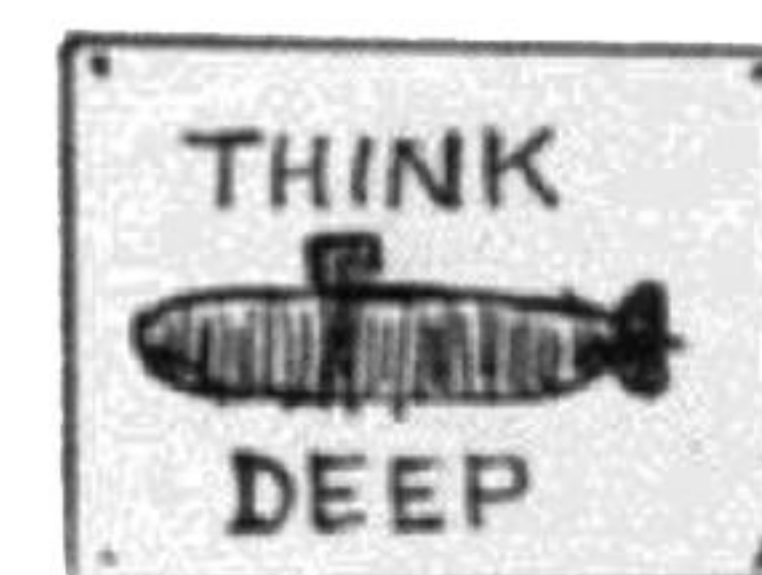
and Writer Branches, where there is a discrete requirement for service in submarines in a complement billet.

● Where there is no requirement at sea, there will generally be no equivalent requirement for SM qualified staff ashore. Therefore only in the SA(SM) structure, in line with the requirement for CPOs in SSBNs, will there be an opportunity for promotion to CPO.

● If selected for promotion to CPO or WO from CPO-SA(SM), a rating will return to General Service. Alternatively, he may decline promotion and remain in the Submarine Service with the option of seeking further progression in the Coxswain Branch.

To be eligible for promotion at a later date, he must request to be so considered, at the same time giving an undertaking that if selected he will accept promotion and return to General Service.

On drafting, the announcement says that some billets ashore will be progressively changed between General Service and Submarine Service, both to ensure satisfactory sea/shore ratios within the Submarine Service, and to create a



balanced professional employment pattern.

Where there is a need to fill an S and S WO or CPO billet which is not designated SM but requires, by scheme of complement, SM experience, a warrant officer or rating so qualified will be selected. He will receive Special Service Pay (SSSM) only for the duration of that draft.

REDUCTION

Transitional arrangements are also outlined. In some categories there will be more SM ratings than required and so a need for a programmed reduction. This will be achieved over a period of years so that no-one will be forced to return to GS.

Some slowing of advancement must be expected in over-subscribed categories, and it may be to the advantage of some ratings to volunteer to re-

"Some of them should be on a roster to be retarded — not advanced!"

turn to GS, taking their Basic Date across to the GS roster. Contraction of numbers will be controlled to minimise the effects on individual careers.

It is also recognised that the build-up of SM qualified numbers, where there is an increased requirement over current bearing, will also take time, and will depend on the numbers joining the Submarine Service. No abrupt changes will be made to the numbers borne on any category and so there should not be any sudden shift in the pace of career progression.

The announcement points out that once the transition to the approved S and S structures has been achieved, apart from those for CPOSA(SM), there

will be no SM designated billets for S and S ratings above petty officer. However, SSSM will be paid to a WO or CPO while filling a limited number of non-SM billets having a specified requirement for SM experience.

The announcement goes on, "The consequences of the establishment of separate advancement rosters for SM qualified S and S ratings will be a more manageable, predictable and professionally balanced employment pattern."

"The individual will have a much clearer picture of his prospects within the Submarine Flotilla with a positive indication of his options in pursuit of a full naval career."

"The consequences for General Service ratings will be negligible."

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No greetings — that's official

THERE is a reminder that use of official mail facilities for the posting of greetings cards or invitations to social events is forbidden.

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SEA SYSTEMS RESTRUCTURE

PROPOSALS approved for the reorganisation of the Sea Systems Controllerate have now come into effect.

This builds on management objectives developed at the time of the "New Look" reorganisation in 1983 and specifically aims to treat the total warship as the primary unit of accountability, while at the same time maintaining the

Controllerate's professional expertise.

The announcement says there will be a minimum of geographical change in direct consequence of implementation. The study into future collocation of the Controllerate's main procurement groups and their associated organisations is continuing.

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Four united in Service

JOHN and Georgina Takel from Dursley in Gloucestershire are on their way to having their very own maritime defence force — as they now have four sons in the Royal Navy.

Two of the Takel brothers are submariners. Lee who is 22 serves on board HMS Talent, while brother Jonathan (19) serves in HMS Courageous.

Representing the Takel family on the surface is Jeremy, a 25-year-old LS serving on board HMS Chiddingfold. He and his wife Jennifer live in married quarters at Rosyth.

Taking his part in the fly-

ing arm of the navy is the latest recruit Philip. Specialising in missile weaponry, the 16-year-old will join HMS Ark Royal when his training is completed.

Although there is no recent family connection with the Service, both proud parents have developed a great interest in naval matters.

Mum Georgina only complains about the service jar-

gon she endures. She suggests that "a little booklet with naval terms and abbreviations is needed, as it would make life and conversation easier when they are all at home".

Pictured (left to right, front) Georgina and John Takel and Jeremy's wife, Jennifer; (left to right, back row) Philip, Jonathan, Lee and Jeremy.

Picture: Dursley Gazette.



People in the News



Picture: DPR(N) Photographic Department.

COP THIS!

A FORMER mounted policeman has begun a new ministry — as a naval chaplain at the Portland Naval base.

David Goodburn who was in the Metropolitan Police, has really changed horses by entering the Navy after nearly 28 years service as a mounted officer.

David, who had been based in central London, was ordained as a non-stipendiary Anglican priest in 1976. He served parishes in Enfield and Potters Bar, his family home.

His last patrol with his police horse Galway, took place in Exmouth Market, where they were joined by Sister Anna of the Order of St. Margaret, from St. Saviour's Priory, Haggerston.

RN's First Lady

The first ordained woman to serve as a chaplain's assistant in the Royal Navy has been licensed in a service at Faslane. The Rev. Jill Locock has been appointed to the church of St. John the Evangelist at the submarine base.

During the same service, the Reverend David Thomas was licensed as a Royal Naval chaplain, and is currently serving the Third and Tenth Submarine Squadrons.

The service was conducted on the farewell visit to the Church of St. John by Chaplain to the Fleet, the Ven. Noel Jones.

Jolly good show

ANOTHER medical search and rescue mission has brought the total to 50 for Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose's Principal Medical Officer.

Surgeon-Cdr. Rick Jolly flew his fiftieth trip in a 771 Squadron Sea King — to attend a French cardiologist who had a serious heart attack on an Irish ferry.

The rescue took place off the Cornish coast, and the patient made a good recovery after stabilisation and being airlifted to Truro hospital.

Commander Jolly — awarded the OBE in 1982 — has achieved another distinction by being awarded a Defence Fellowship. He is the first medical officer in the armed forces to receive such an award, which will enable him to study at University College in London.

Picture: RNAS Culdrose Photographic Dept.



Surgeon-Cdr. Rick Jolly.



Picture: PO(Phot) Ric-Toyer.

Ahoy there

THE SOUND of success is ringing in the ears of PO Wren Jacqui Bell as she uses her Bosun's Call.

Jacqui (29) was presented with the call as Captain's prize for excelling at her PO's leadership course at HMS Royal Arthur.

Hailing from the Weymouth area, she joined the Wrens in 1976, serving in Naval establishments throughout the UK and is currently based at HMS Dolphin.

Piping needs puff, and Jacqui's sporting interests and activities — including taking part in a 24 hour squash marathon for Children in Need — have provided her with the necessary stamina.

GREENWICH TRAINEES' TALL ORDER

WALKING tall seems to be the order of the day at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich — students on the current Special Duties Officers' course have an average height of over six feet. Another remarkable fact is that none of them are smokers — can there be any connection?

Flocking to say farewell

A DAZZLING display of gold braid and a glittering array of Navy footballing talent turned out to mark Lieut.-Cdr. Jack Sheppard's retirement after 14 years as Secretary of the Royal Navy Football Association.

Officials, committee members and players heard Jack happily reminiscing, and still getting the detail just right as he has done over many years in his reports for Navy News. Stars of the '60s, including Roy Wilkinson and Charlie Brown, sat next to the current generation of players at a farewell dinner.

Capt. Jeremy Sanders, chairman of the RNFA, presided over a top table bulging with vice-presidents and life members. Admirals Sir Raymond Lygo and Sir Derek Refell and Rear-Admirals Frank Grenier, David Dobson, Roy Newman and Tony Murphy attended.

Admiral Sir Anthony Morton spoke of Jack's sterling service to the Association, before gifts were presented by the Combined Services FA and South West Counties.

On behalf of the RNFA, the president, Admiral of the Fleet, Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff, gave Jack a gold watch and a watercolour painted by Admiral Grenier, a past chairman.

Jack's guidance, wisdom and thorough knowledge of the rule book will be sorely missed. Lieut.-Cdr. Jim Danks has now taken up the reins as Secretary, and football correspondent for Navy News.

Manadon presented with medal

THE ROYAL Naval Engineering College at Manadon has received an Albert Medal honouring the bravery of an engineering officer who was killed during the Second World War.

In the ceremony at the college, the widow of Lieut. (E) John Gouldthorpe Boddy, Mrs Pat Stokes, presented the medal and original citation to the Commanding Officer, Captain John Marshal.

Lieut. Boddy was awarded the Albert Medal, now known as the George Medal, for trying to save lives on his badly damaged ship before himself being killed.

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A life on the radio waves

EX-WREN Sandi Jones has had connections with the sea for more than 25 years — but for 20 of them her time has been more taken up with waves of a different kind.

Her face may not necessarily be familiar but the voice — to aficionados of Radio Solent, the World Service or Radio 4 — is likely to evoke images of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding and Sunday request programmes.

Sandi, wife of a naval officer, discovered her penchant for broadcasting in 1965 when she was serving in Malta and the British Forces Broadcasting Service was looking for volunteers to work on a ships' request programme. Her shifts at the Fleet weather centre allowed her to put in some time behind the microphone on a couple of days a week — and she soon realised that she wanted to work for radio on a much more regular basis.

"I used to enjoy reading out loud as a child and I like finding out what makes people tick, so perhaps that influenced me," she told Navy News. "I just enjoy sitting in a studio and rabbiting into a mike."

Tenacity

On leaving the Service in 1967 and returning to Britain, Sandi aimed to fulfil her new ambition — and wrote to BFBS for a job. Her tenacity finally paid off and she set off for Cologne in Germany late in 1968. Twenty years on, she still loves her work.

She has just finished a 13-year spell with the World Service, and has been working for Radio Solent for more than 11 years. Although her experience of different types of programme is very wide, Sandi is best known for her Sunday "ring in and chat" show, on

which she shares the presenting with Lee McKenzie.

Despite her move into general broadcasting, Sandi still does occasional programmes for BFBS, and maintains her contact with the Royal Navy via the ships' request shows she hosts which are recorded on cassette and sent out to ships all over the world.

Written

"There's always been a service of this sort, but we no longer have a team going round and interviewing wives and families of those serving in ships," said Sandi. "Now the idea is that written requests come in from people with members of their family or friends at sea. The tapes are only played over the ship's

radio system so the requests can be for any kind of music, and with any kind of message."

One thing which disappoints Sandi is that the Ships' Requests service is not better known — anybody interested in making a request should write to BFBS, London PO Box 1234, London W2 1LA, giving details of the name of the serving person, the ship's name, a message and choice of record.

Considering how busy her working days are — she is normally up and about by four in the morning! — it is amazing that Sandi finds time for leisure pursuits, but in her spare time she fits in lots of dressmaking and sewing. She is also particularly interested in patchwork and quilting, and is a member of the English Quilters Guild.



Radio personality Sandi Jones

Picture: Courtesy of Radio Solent



Picture: Scotland and Northern Ireland Command

Rock solid start for help service

A TOWN-BASED information centre and a "stay and play" area where mums can leave children under three while they go shopping are the main facilities offered by Gibraltar's new Help Information Volunteer Exchange.

Newcomers to the rock will be able to glean advice on shopping, events happening in Gibraltar, trips into Spain, and numerous other topics when they visit the information centre — and will be able to pop next door to the coffee shop for a cuppa and a chat.

Organised

Mrs. Sue Milner — whose husband is serving in HMS Rooke — organised and set up the HIVE, which is one of about 80 such units now in existence in the UK, Germany and other areas where British Service families are stationed. News came from her of its establishment just after Navy News heard about Yeovilton's

HIVE, details of which appeared in the December issue.

Gibraltar's "stay and play" area is run by Mrs. Diane Dixon, who is married to a member of the Royal Anglian Regiment, and she and Sue receive additional help from volunteer wives from all three Services.

The Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association and the professional services in Gibraltar helped considerably with the establishment of the new venture, with SSAFA providing training for Sue in London.

Anyone drafted to Gibraltar who would like further information on life on the rock should write to Sue Milner (HIVE Organiser), c/o Senior Rates Mess, HMS Rooke, BFPO 52.

Before the big defeat — the five beefy basketball players from USS Hayler met their lean, lithe opponents from the Fife Beavers.

BEAVERS HIT THE BASKET

BASKETBALL players from the American ship USS Hayler thought they had an easy match on their hands when they were issued with a challenge from the youngsters of the 49th Beaver Colony at St. Columba's Naval Church, Rosyth — but the David and Goliath battle reached a traditional conclusion, with the giants felled.

The big boys had been so confident of victory that they gave their six-year-old opponents some expert coaching before the game — but the Beavers, who were allowed a basket just four feet from the ground to compensate for the height difference between them and the Hayler team, showed that they were already more than familiar with the basic skills of the sport.

The giant-killing feat earned them more "baskets" than the Hayler side and over £230 for the Children in Need appeal. The boys delivered the booty to the BBC television studios in Edinburgh a few days after the match.

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Play area plans forge ahead in Hong Kong

SERVICE families at HMS Tamar are hoping to add a children's play area to their swimming pool complex — and are busy raising funds towards the £7,000 cost of the project.

Their efforts have been boosted by a grant of more than £2,850 from the Sailors' and Fleet Amenities Funds.

Recreational facilities for Service personnel are somewhat limited in Hong Kong's central district and the main, training and infants' swimming pools at HMS Tamar are well used.

Families are keen to extend the facilities with a "dry" play area for the younger children who can't yet swim or are only learning and, therefore, do not spend long in the water.

Campaigns

Discos, raffles and "stop smoking" campaigns have

started the money rolling in, and it is hoped that construction of the play area will be able to start in the not too distant future.

Marie sweeps to top of her field

DEDICATION to her work with naval families has led to promotion for Mrs. Marie Broom — she has become the third Senior Caseworker in the Naval Personal and Family Services' Eastern area.

Marie, a one-time dental surgery assistant, joined NPFS in 1975 working mainly in the Portland area and — although not herself a naval wife (her husband is a solicitor) — quickly established rapport with the naval community.

Her work with bereaved families during and after the Falklands conflict earned her the British Empire Medal in 1983. Two years later she gained a Diploma in Social Work from Southampton University, and

she moved from Northern to Eastern area NPFS at Portsmouth in July 1987.

As a Senior Caseworker, Marie will be involved in the most complex of cases falling within the aegis of the organisation — those, for example, involving child custody and access, marital therapy and counselling — and will also help with training of new entrants to the NPFS branch, and liaison with management on professional issues.

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China Fleet cash goes to leisure projects

Saltash build set to start

WORK is expected to start this spring on the China Fleet Club "flagship" planned for the UK at Saltash in Cornwall. Meanwhile, a cheque for £600,000 has been funded by the club in Hong Kong to provide added facilities for the Portsmouth Royal Sailors' Home Club.

Construction of the China Fleet Country Club in Saltash — three miles from Plymouth Naval Base — is expected to cost about £9 million.

There will be a range of facilities for men, women and children on a 170-acre site, which will include 40 units of self-catering accommodation. It is hoped to open for business in spring 1991.

Trustees

A UK charitable trust — the China Fleet Club (UK) — was established following an announcement that Hong Kong would be handed back to the Chinese in 1997. This trust will manage funds raised by the sale of the club, the trustees being drawn from both Service and civilian sources, under the chairmanship of Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Gerken.

The main asset of the club in Hong Kong, its valuable premises, has been sold — raising some £11 million — under an agreement allowing the club to continue to occupy the premises until 1997 if it wishes.

Trustees of the Hong Kong club decided that the sale money would be best used by funding recreational and leisure facilities in the UK for men and women of the Royal Navy and their dependants.



How it will look — model of buildings of the £9 million China Fleet Country Club to be established at Saltash.

After write-off of capital costs, the facilities will be expected to run on a self-financing basis.

Besides the "flagship" project at Saltash, and assistance to the Home Club at Portsmouth, a £1 million leisure project is now in the planning for the Rosyth area.

An advisory committee to assist the UK trustees, made up of ratings and Royal Marines representing a wide cross-section of the naval community, is being formed.

Railcard still valid

THE 1987 Forces Railcard is to continue to remain valid until March 31 this year, it has been agreed.

British Rail is printing new type cards for delivery to the Services in the New Year and, when issued, these will remain valid until the end of 1989.

Meanwhile, discussions continue with BR on the long-term future of the Forces Railcard.

CHEQUE FINDS A HOME

A HANDSOME cheque for £600,000 which will be used to build a leisure centre and upmarket carry-over restaurant at Portsmouth Royal Sailors' Home Club is handed over by the chairman of the trustees of the China Fleet Club (UK), Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Gerken.

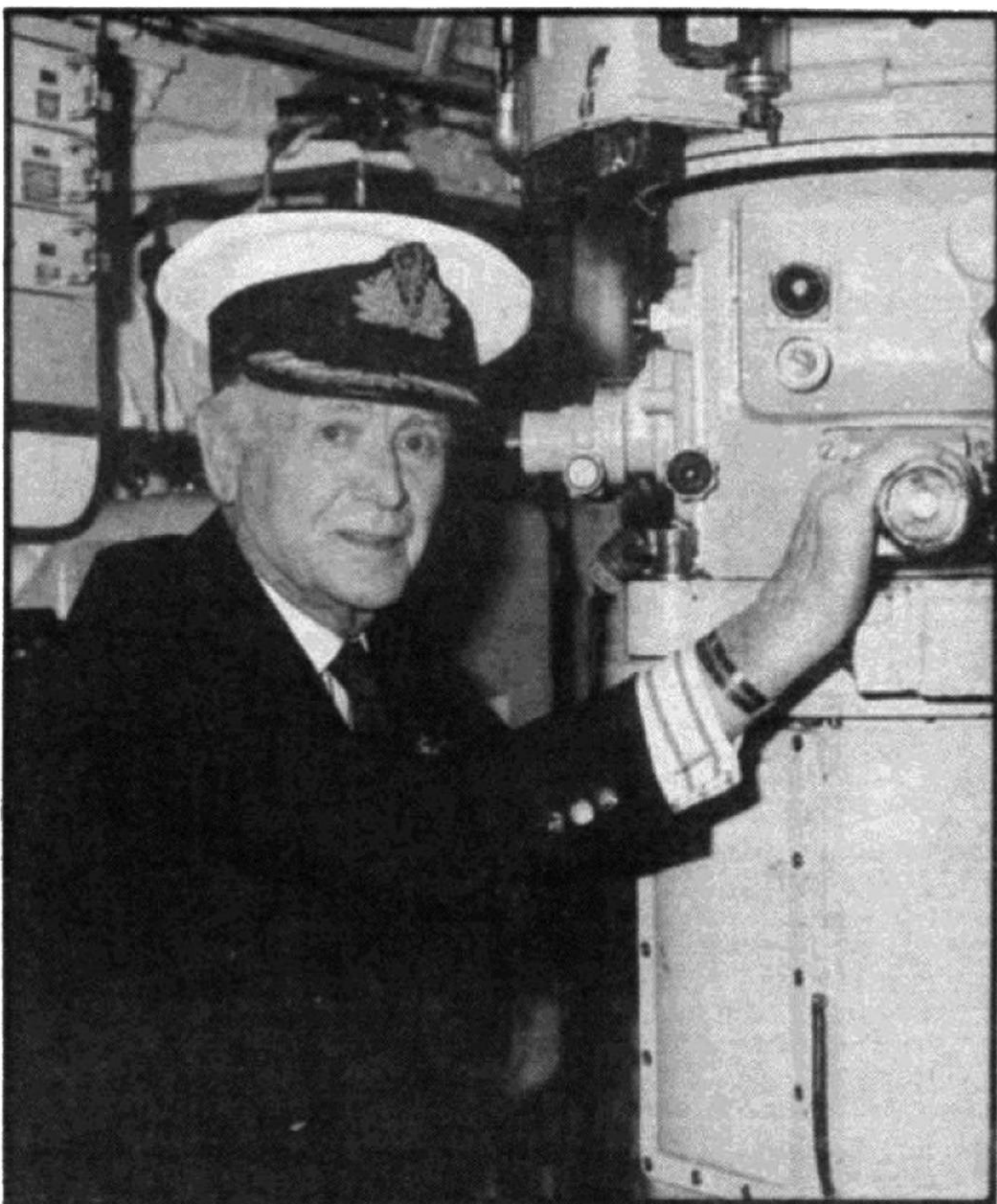
Receiving the cheque on behalf of the Home Club, the Flag Officer Portsmouth (Rear-Admiral Ken Eaton) said the money would provide a major improvement to the facilities of the club for the benefit of all sailors in Portsmouth and their families.

The Home Club, a popular venue which has already had extensive facelift work, provides accommodation for 33,000 people a year, and 150,000 use the restaurant, bar and leisure facilities. Many organized functions are held there.

Also in the picture are, from left: Wren Wendy Stoddart, Lieut-Cdr. Wally Brock (club manager), LWTR Chris Rosser, WO Peter Crump (formerly of HMS Tamar), LWREN Hazel Napier, and Mr. Dave Watts (Assistant Manager, China Fleet Club).

Picture: LA(Phot) Stu Reid, Fleet Photographic Unit.

Above him the waves



ACTOR Sir John Mills estimates he has spent at least four years of his life in naval uniform — of all ranks — thanks to roles in 21 major films about the Services.

Ten of them were about the Royal Navy and five specifically about life in submarines, so Sir John was in familiar surroundings when he boarded HMS Resolution during a tour of the Clyde Submarine Base at Faslane.

He visited the establishment as a friend of the Royal Naval Film Corporation, which was set up nearly 50 years ago to show films to sailors at sea. It was founded by Earl Mountbatten, who became a great personal friend of Sir John's during the making of "In Which We Serve."

After being piped aboard, Sir John said: "The last time I looked down a periscope was over 30 years ago on a film set, but I feel as if I'd never been away."

Through his visit, Sir John was accompanied by Capt. S. D. Hunsley RN (ret'd.), RNFC general manager.

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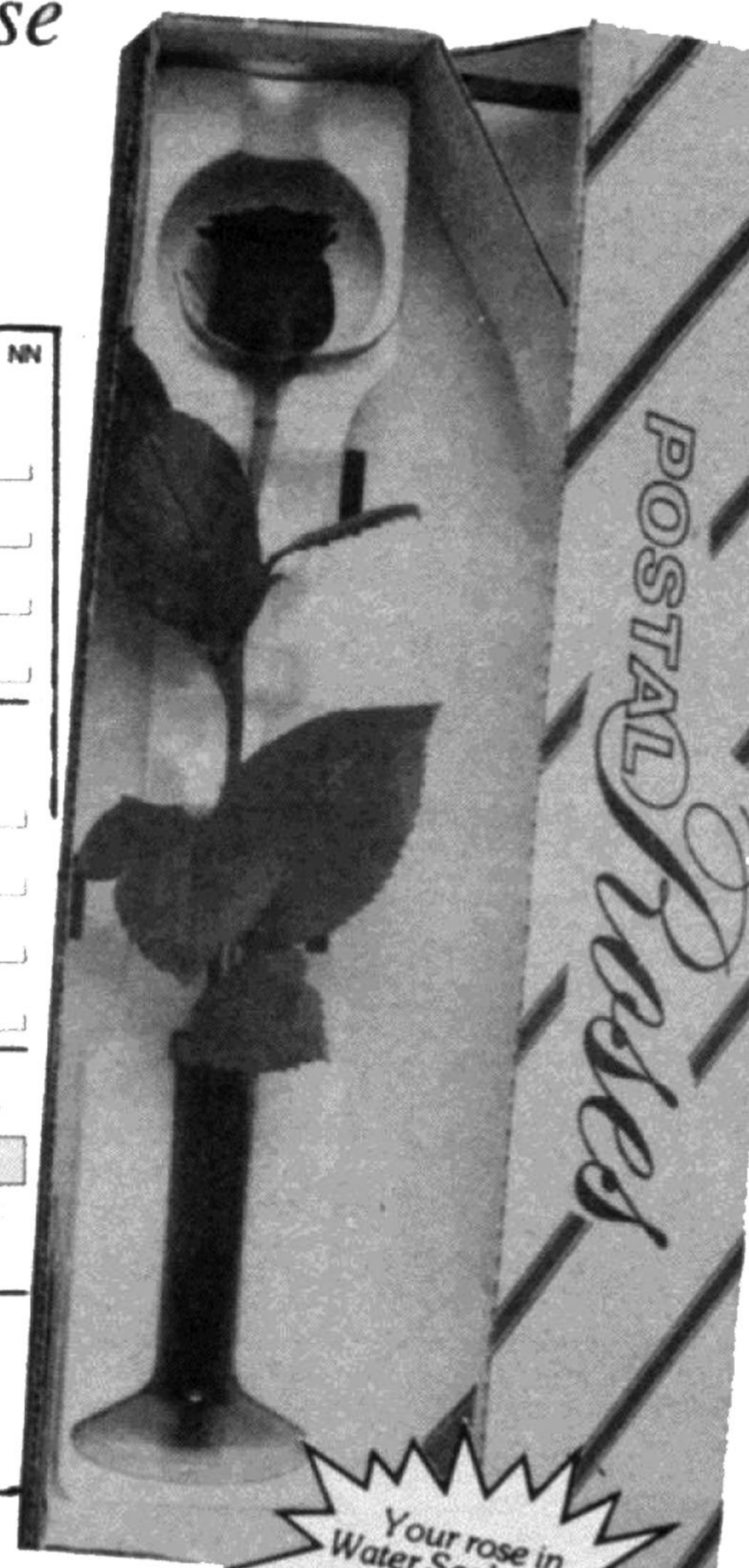
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Learning to live with the problems

WITH THE dawn of a new year, banishment of last year's problems would make a welcome prospect. But life, alas, isn't like that either for individuals or organisations.

For example, there appears no let-up in the Navy's perennial manpower problems. Few would claim the situation eased last year — rather the opposite would be the more common view. Many believe that "stretch", a word which wormed its way into naval parlance some years ago, gets the tighter while commitments and workloads grow no less.

The regular manpower ceiling now stands at about 66,400, a reduction of more than 10 per cent of the trained strength since 1979. Over the next 10 years this figure is due to fall further through employment of ships which need fewer men and by continuing "streamlining" of support functions.

Controversial

Those presiding over the inevitably complex manpower situation, fully aware of all the ramifications, including retention, will doubtless be mindful of the need to protect what is now often referred to as "quality of life."

But undoubtedly the major talking point last year in the personnel sphere was the far-reaching and controversial Review of Allowances.

Working out the implications of its complicated rules was far from simple. As a Navy News headline said, it was a case of "ups and downs," leaving some people feeling strongly they would be worse off, but with compensating improvements leaving many better off.

Give and take

The system, evolved after some sharp Whitehall skirmishes to achieve the best result to be had, is still "bedding in." How people eventually come to see it represents just one more factor in the satisfaction — and retention — stakes.

All will hope that time proves the balance struck in what of necessity was a "give and take" exercise was a reasonable one.

Meanwhile, none of this should prevent one further wish — for a peaceful and happy New Year. Doubtless it will once again be one of plenty of hard work — with hopefully enough time for some play as well.

Club comforts for Guzz

A £100,000 boost for the popular Royal Fleet Club, Devonport, came from members of the Grants Committee of the Sailors' Fund, when they held their winter meeting in London.

The money forms part of Sailors' Fund support towards modernisation of the club's second floor single accommodation and is the first instalment in supporting a total bid for help by £150,000 grant and £150,000 loan. The other instalments are to be allocated at future meetings.

From its own resources, the club is contributing £100,000.

The only residential Service club in the Plymouth area, the Royal Fleet Club — built in 1900 — is used by personnel from ships, submarines, establishments and RM units. It has 130 beds in single, double and family rooms.

In recent years, family annexes have been added and modernisation taken place, aided by the Sailors' and Fleet Amenities Funds and the Nuffield Trust.

When the club's latest major project was discussed at the Sailors' Fund, tributes were paid to the facilities now offered and it was widely agreed that this additional modernisation work would complement them.

Nearly £450,000

In total, nearly £450,000 was allocated at the meeting of the Sailors' Fund Grants Committee and that of the Fleet Amenities/Fleet Recreational Funds which followed. Of this, more than a quarter of a million pounds represented project grants from the Sailors' Fund.

Among refurbishment projects assisted were those for the lounge and ladies' toilets in the POs' Mess at HMS Collingwood (total £25,000) and the Furze House Junior Ratings' Club, HMS St Vincent (£20,000).

HMS Dolphin is to have an

indoor artificial rock face climbing wall, the funds granting a total of more than £9,000. The meetings were told that these walls allow people to practise the increasingly popular sport of rock climbing.

Fitness training and conditioning equipment for the fitness studio at the new Fleet Recreation Centre at HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth, will be largely provided by grants totalling over £18,000 — more than £16,000 of this coming, via the Sailors' Fund, as a donation from Pusser's Rum.

The fitness studio is primarily for those wishing to maintain a generally healthy lifestyle, rather than meeting specific needs of the dedicated athlete. Included will be programmes for wives and children.

Other successful applications to the committee included some covering fitness equipment in

several establishments.

Giving naval personnel and families in Gibraltar a boost were several successful bids from HMS Rooke, including £16,000 for two Sherpa vans; £12,100 for two ski boats and associated equipment; and £1,530 towards rowing boats, fittings and oars.

Among bids which failed was one from Devonport Services Rugby Football Club for construction of a replacement kitchen and dining facility. The amount sought was £54,225.

To try again?

During long discussion at the Sailors' Fund there were comments like "this is a bit Rolls Royce". In turning down the application it was agreed to invite the club to submit alternative proposals with firm figures. The Fleet Amenities fund later endorsed this view.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

GRANTS approved by the Sailors' and Fleet Amenities/Fleet Recreational Funds:

Royal Fleet Club, Devonport — £100,000 grant from Sailors' Fund towards modernisation of accommodation.

HMS Collingwood — £25,000 (grants of £18,000 from Sailors' Fund and £7,000 from FAF) towards refurbishment of lounge and ladies' toilets in POs' Mess.

HMS Osprey — Grant of £25,000 from FAF for renovation of informal bar for new wardroom.

HMS St. Vincent — £20,000 (grants of £17,000 from Sailors' Fund and £3,000 from FAF) towards refurbishment of Junior Ratings' Club in Furze House, London.

HMS Temeraire — £18,217 (grants of £16,327 from Sailors' Fund, donated by Pusser's Rum, and £1,890 from FAF) for fitness training and conditioning equipment for Fleet Recreational Centre fitness studio.

HMS Rooke — £16,000 (grants of £13,000 from Sailors' Fund and £3,000 from FAF) for two Sherpa vans (Fleet to have priority in use of one).

HMS Drake — £15,000 (grants of £12,000 from Sailors' Fund and £3,000 from Fleet Recreational Fund) towards fitness and health centre.

Royal Marines, Plymouth — £13,478 (grants of £11,500 from Sailors' Fund and £1,978 from FAF) for stables at RM Bickleigh.

HMS Rooke — £12,100 (grants of £10,000 from Sailors' Fund and £2,100 from Fleet Recreational Fund) for two ski boats and associated equipment (Fleet to have priority in use of one).

Royal Naval Sailing Association — £10,000 (grants of £8,000 from Sailors' Fund and £2,000 from FAF) towards cost of RN participation in Round-the-World yacht challenge. (Representing maximum sum payable by the funds — actual amounts to be based on £200 per head).

HMS Dolphin — £9,571 (grants of £8,000 from Sailors' Fund and £1,571 from FAF) towards five-berth motor caravan.

HMS Dolphin — £9,188 (grants of £8,000 from Sailors' Fund and £1,188 from Fleet Recreational Fund) towards indoor artificial rock face climbing wall.

HMS Royal Arthur — £8,200 (£6,000 from Sailors' Fund and £2,200 from Fleet Recreational Fund) towards fitness room and equipment.

JSATC Gosport (Hornet) — £7,857 (£5,000 grant from Sailors' Fund and £2,857 from FAF) towards Caribbean Mainbrace venture.

HMS Daedalus — £6,000 (grants of £5,000 from Sailors' Fund and £1,000 from FAF) towards fully-serviced eight-berth machines.

HMS Dryad — £5,000 grant from Sailors' Fund towards sound and lighting equipment for Junior Rates' Club.

HMS Sultan — £4,961.75 (grants of £3,500 from Sailors' Fund and £1,461.75 from FAF) for improvement of lighting facilities at Brunel Theatre.

HMS Dryad — £3,631 (grants of £2,800 from Sailors' Fund and £831 from FAF) towards lighting and special effects for Theatre Club.

HMS Cochrane — £4,000 (grants of £3,000 from Sailors' Fund and £1,000 from FAF) towards fully-serviced eight-berth caravan.

HMS Dryad — £3,631 (grants of £2,800 from Sailors' Fund and £831 from FAF) towards rowing and cycling fitness machines.

Solent Area RN and RM Sea Angling Association — £3,100 (grants of £2,500 from Sailors' Fund and £600 from FAF) towards sea angling vessel.

HMS Tamar — £2,851 (grants of £2,500 from Sailors' Fund and £351 from FAF) towards children's play area for swimming pool complex.

Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth — £2,200 (grants of £1,500 from Sailors' Fund and £700 from FAF) towards disco and lighting equipment for ratings' club (subject to club being open to all Service ratings).

HMS Sultan — £1,860 (grants of £1,500 from Sailors' Fund and £360 from FAF) towards eight tents and two gas stoves for camping.

Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth — £1,550 (£1,000 from Sailors' Fund and £550 from FAF) towards two windsurfers and related equipment.

HMS Rooke — £1,530 (grants of £1,200 from Sailors' Fund and £330 from Fleet Recreational Fund) towards rowing boat, fittings and oars.

HMS Cambridge — £1,500 grant from Sailors' Fund towards refurbishing Nuffield skittle alley.

42 Commando RM — £1,455 (grants of £1,000 from Sailors' Fund and £455 from FAF) towards wooden picnic tables.

Commando Logistic Regt. RM — £1,097.55 (grants of £800 from Sailors' Fund and £297.55 from FAF) towards refurbishment of Sergeants' Mess bars and patio.

● Grants which in aggregate exceed £15,000 for any one project are subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Annual and Half Yearly Grants

Half-yearly grant to HM ships — £52,936 from Sailors' Fund.

Half-yearly grant to RM Commando Units — £6,736 from Sailors' Fund.

Half-yearly grant to Regular Forces Employment Association — £10,278 (grants of £5,026 from Sailors' Fund and £5,252 from FAF).

Merchant Seamen's War Memorial Society (Springbok Radcliffe Convalescent Home) — £250 from Sailors' Fund as annual grant.

Captain of the Fleet's Fund — £1,500 from FAF as annual grant.

CGRM Consolidated Fund — £200 from FAF as annual grant.

For new ships and ships emerging from refit — £7,280 from FAF as annual grant towards TVs.

Captain of the Fleet — £2,000 as annual grant from FAF towards cost of family visits overseas.

RN and RM Sports Control Board — £27,700 from FAF as annual subvention.

Director WRNS Fund — £100 from FAF as annual subvention.

Donations

The following donations were gratefully received by the Fleet Amenities Fund during 1988: Naafi (Extra Rebate 1987), £51,825; Navy Weeks Trust (Navy-Air Days 1987), £40,240; Services Sound and Vision Corporation, £16,000; Beat Retreat, £12,500; Mountbatten Festival of Music, £3,000; the Leathersellers' Company, £1,000.

AMBASSADORS BACK FROM OUTBACK

WORK carried out by the Royal Navy's Outback 88 task group has earned high praise from a Government Minister.

In a signal received by task group commanders as the ships re-entered British waters, the Hon. Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, congratulated the team members on their "excellent job in displaying the Royal Navy's professionalism and the high quality of its equipment to the countries visited."

He described the ships' companies of HM ships Ark Royal, Edinburgh and Sirius and Royal Fleet Auxiliaries Fort Grange, Orangeleaf and Olwen, as "fine ambassadors for Britain."

Friendly

Whenever possible during their six-month deployment, the ships have taken the opportunity to exercise with friendly navies. Allies of the Five Power Defence Arrangements took part in Exercise Starfish and Lima Bersatu, and Exercise Loyal Friend — a large venture — was conducted with the Sultan of Brunei's armed forces.

These operations and the numerous visits conducted by the task group helped support the British defence sales industry, by allowing demonstration of the equipment currently in service with the Fleet.

Bicentennial celebrations in Australia formed the highlight

of the deployment, but ships' companies enjoyed outward visits to Malta, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. On their way home they called at Diego Garcia, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan and Gibraltar.

The Ark Royal's arrival off Portland allowed a unique moment to be caught on film as she headed home — she was joined by the Royal Navy's other two aircraft carriers, HMS Illustrious and HMS Invincible. Not only was this the first time the three have been pictured at sea together — but it is unlikely such an event will ever occur again.

Trials

The Invincible is conducting trials following a major refit, and the Illustrious was returning from deployment in the Caribbean.



Excitement was mounting among the families of ships' companies members from the Outback task force, as the ships neared their respective home ports. Vice-Admiral Sir Jock Slater embarked in his barge to welcome HMS Edinburgh back under the Forth bridges in time for Christmas, and crowds gathered at Plymouth and greeted the homecoming of HMS Sirius with tape recorded Christmas carols.

Outback 88 flagship HMS Ark Royal (foreground) made a unique link-up with HMS Illustrious (middle) and HMS Invincible off Portland.

PICTURES:
HMS ARK ROYAL

Ark-angels

BOMBAY — its plush hotels contrasted with the squalor and poverty of life on the streets — moved the ship's company of HMS Ark Royal to collect more than 30 sacks of clothing to give to the poor.

Ship's padre, the Rev. Simon Stephens, instigated the collection — and one of cash, which raised £750 — and a team went out onto the streets to distribute the money and clothes to the poverty-stricken families.

Twenty-five blind students visited the ship during her time in Bombay, spending a couple of hours on board. They were helped to climb into a Sea King helicopter and sense the power of a Sea Harrier through touch.

Children's parties were organised in the ship at every port of call on the Outback deployment, thanks to the work of WO Lenny Eaton — a group of deaf youngsters being among the beneficiaries in Hong Kong.

Complete restoration of an old people's village in Hong Kong was carried out by CPO

Reg Jobling, LS Mike Palmer and a team of volunteers, who set to with paint brushes, hammers and nails, to brighten up the shanty town houses.

Sirius

Members of the ship's company of HMS Sirius helped Sri Lankan orphans by joining a Save the Children Fund work party repairing a children's home on the outskirts of the capital, Colombo. Sub-Lieut. Coulson, CPO Smith, PO Barker, PO Burdon, PO Tremaine, PO Kent, PO Wilcock, PO Chamberlain, AEM Rudd, and Seamen Wilde and Salter spent two days refurbishing dormitories and restoring electrical supplies, following the country's civil unrest.

Boat people rescued

EIGHTEEN Vietnamese refugees — including a tiny baby and three other children — owe their lives to men from HMS Ark Royal, HMS Edinburgh and RFA Olwen.

During the Outback 88 deployment a Sea King helicopter from the Ark Royal was flying over the South China Sea when her crew spotted a small open boat. HMS Edinburgh moved in to investigate and discovered the starving refugees, who had fled from their homeland 30 days earlier and been without food for more than two weeks.

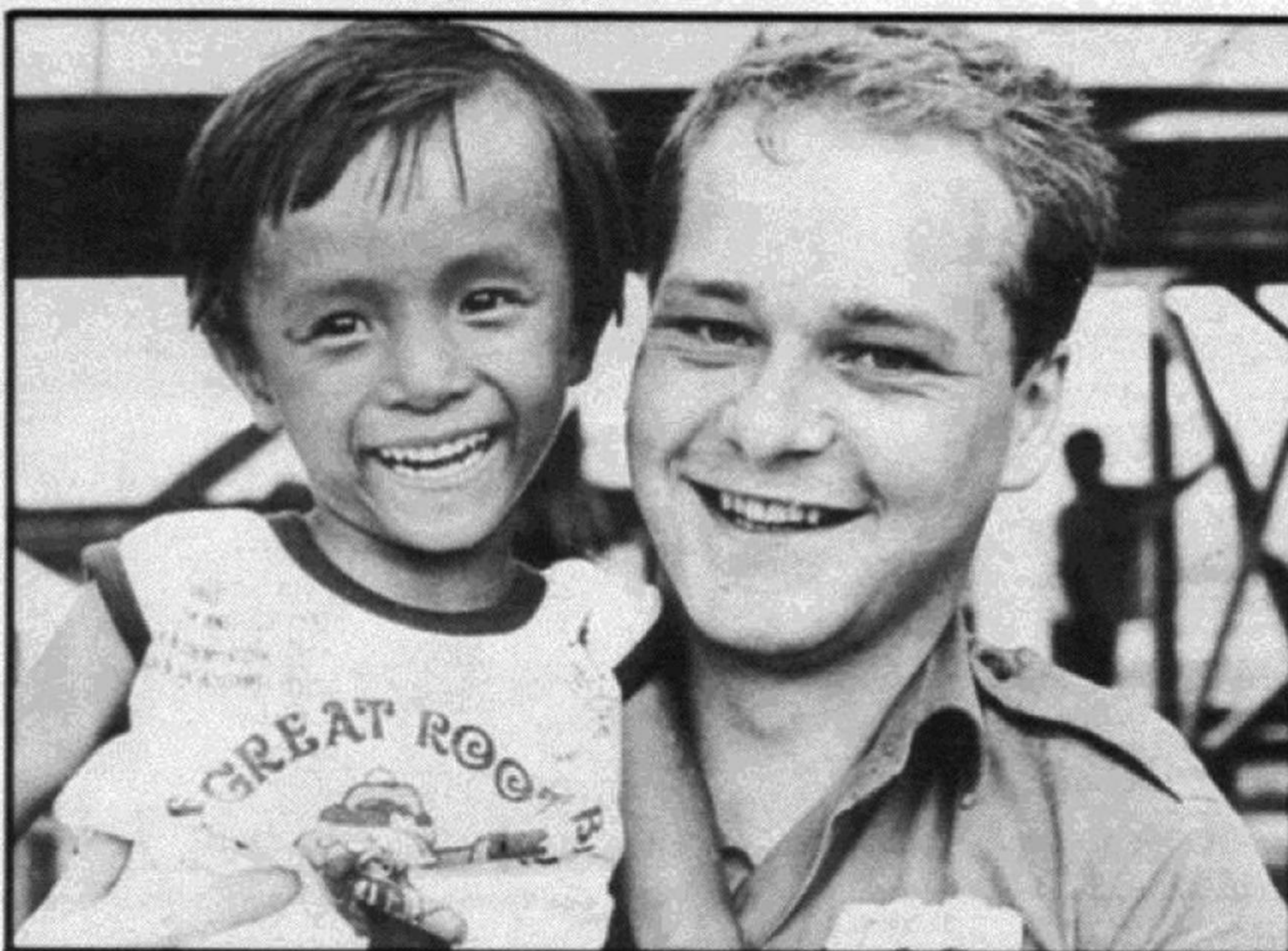
One dead adult was found in the bottom of the boat and two others had already been buried at sea, when the Edinburgh rescued the boat people and took them on board where they received immediate medical attention.

Fittest

Amazingly, the fittest was the baby, who had been delivered by one of the refugees during their time afloat.

Surgeon-Lieut. Paul Hughes, Medical Officer of HMS Edinburgh administered the initial — and almost certainly life-saving — treatment. Once fit to be moved, the refugees were transferred to RFA Olwen.

Medical Assistant Tim Hayes from the Ark Royal moved to the Olwen, so that he and the RFA's doctor, Senior Medical Officer Dulyon Thomas, could provide a round-the-clock medical service.



MA Tim Hayes with one of the boat children who he helped to nurse back to health.

Some of the rescued Vietnamese were so weak that they had to be fed by hand, and the Olwen's chefs provided specially prepared local cuisine to tempt them back to fitness.

The refugees were finally landed in Singapore — in good health.

Capt J. B. Dickinson, RFA, commanding officer of the Olwen formally commended MA Tim Hayes for his work — praising him for the assistance he gave to RFA Olwen's doctor, and for his "conscientious application to his duty".

**Hair-raising
stunts help
charities
gain
£10,000**

FUNDS for charity poured in as members of HMS Ark Royal's ship's company cycled, ran, hitch-hiked, and absailed their way through the Outback 88 deployment.

Almost £10,000 went into the coffers from their numerous efforts, which also took rather less usual forms — POs Larry Sharma and Bob Eves from 801 Naval Air Squadron, for instance, raised £188 by having their beards shaved off.

Fellow squadron members cycled between Sydney and Melbourne, taking the total raised for the Orchard Vale Trust to more than £600.

While Larry and Bob lost some hair, members of the 6P POs Mess were busy putting it on — with a beard growing con-

test, helping to boost funds for the Royal Navy's Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, an organisation which sends handicapped youngsters to Lourdes.

In total the Mess raised nearly £300 from games nights on board, the beard competition, a collecting bottle and a darts match.

Leading Seaman Stephan Sloman raised money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association — but the Christmas present he brought home was a sackful not of cash but of used postage stamps. He started out

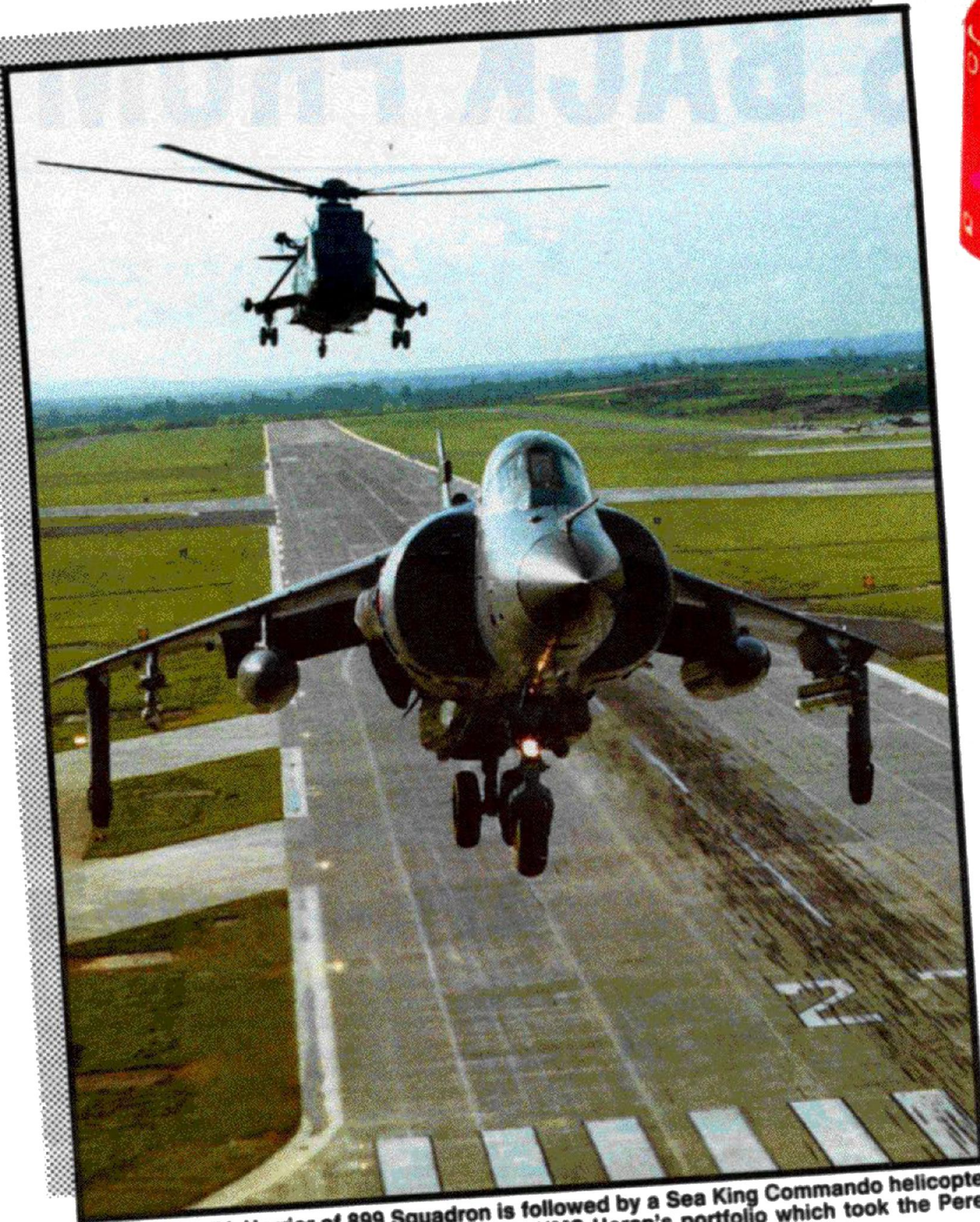
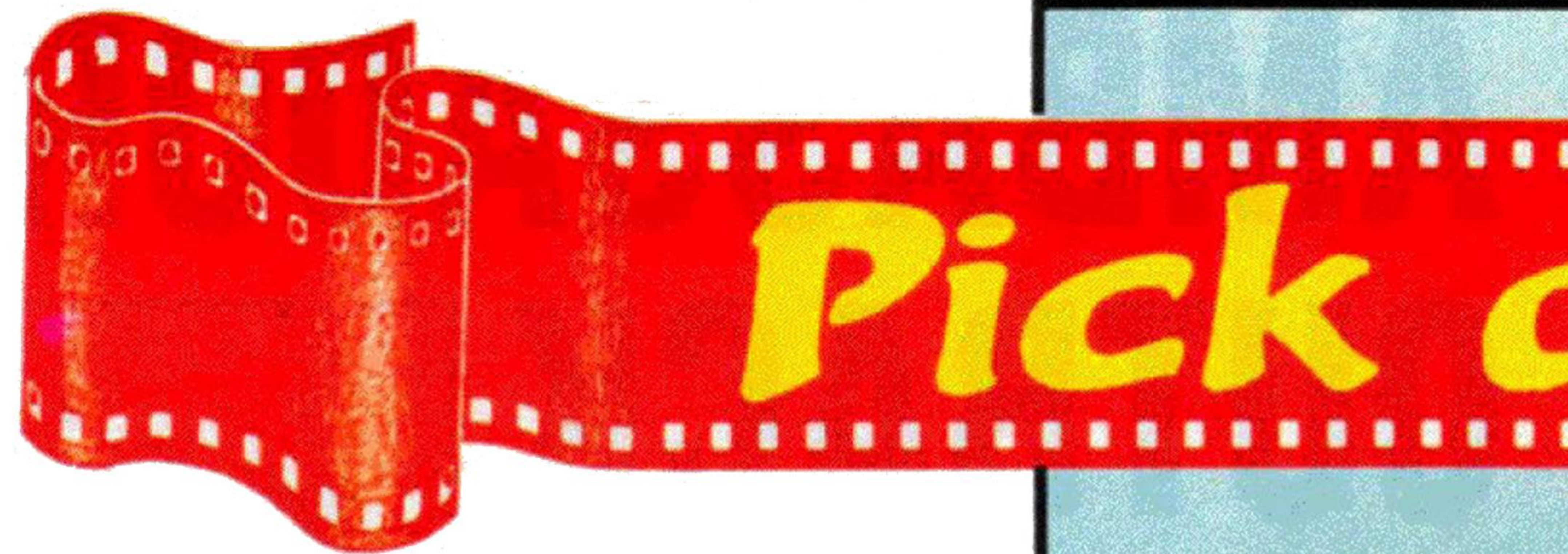
with a target of 10,000 stamps, but found his shipmates so helpful that he raised his sights to 20,000.

The Ark Royal also staged a 24-hour radio and television marathon which brought in £1,700 for Great Ormond Street Hospital's Wishing Well Appeal.

Needless to say, the Ark Royal was not alone in her charity efforts during the Outback deployment. Among other efforts, the ship's company of HMS Sirius totted up £372 for the Help the Aged Foreign Coin Appeal.



LMEA Scott helped one of the blind students who visited HMS Ark Royal in Bombay.



A SEA Harrier of 899 Squadron is followed by a Sea King Commando helicopter of 846 Squadron in this shot from HMS Heron's portfolio which took the Peregrine Trophy.

NAVY photographers again produced an excellent and representative selection of work for their own "Pick of the pix" contest — more accurately described as the Peregrine Trophy competition.

In all, nearly 500 entries were received for the 1988 contest, open to RN photographers at home and abroad, ashore and afloat, and the judges were impressed by the technical quality and overall standard of entries.

As briefly reported last month, HMS Heron's Photographic Section took the Peregrine Trophy itself for the first time in the competition's present format, their portfolio of six prints being judged best.

Runners-up were HMS Rooke and HMS Gannet. The trophy and individual awards were presented by Vice-Admiral Michael Livesay at a reception in the Ministry of Defence in London.

First in the individual colour category was a shot by LA(Phot) George Harvey (HMS Illustrious), who last year took first in the black and white class. Second in colour was an Antarctic picture by LA(Phot) Brian Bower, of HMS Endurance.

Placed first in the black and white category was a shot by LA(Phot) Tim Hall showing HMS Kingfisher transiting the Caledonian Canal at Fort Augustus. (This picture appeared in last August's Navy News).

Second was an eye-catching picture by LA(Phot) Chris North, showing a school of dolphins playing around a submarine.

Judges for this, the 27th competition, were Capt. Tony Provost, Director of Public Relations (Navy); Mr. Paddy Hicks, chief photo editor of the Press Association; and Mr. Peter Wilkinson, editor of Photography Year Book.

The quality of RN photography shown in the Peregrine Competition has also been recently recognised by the selection of the work of several RN photographers for inclusion in the prestigious publication "Photography Year Book."

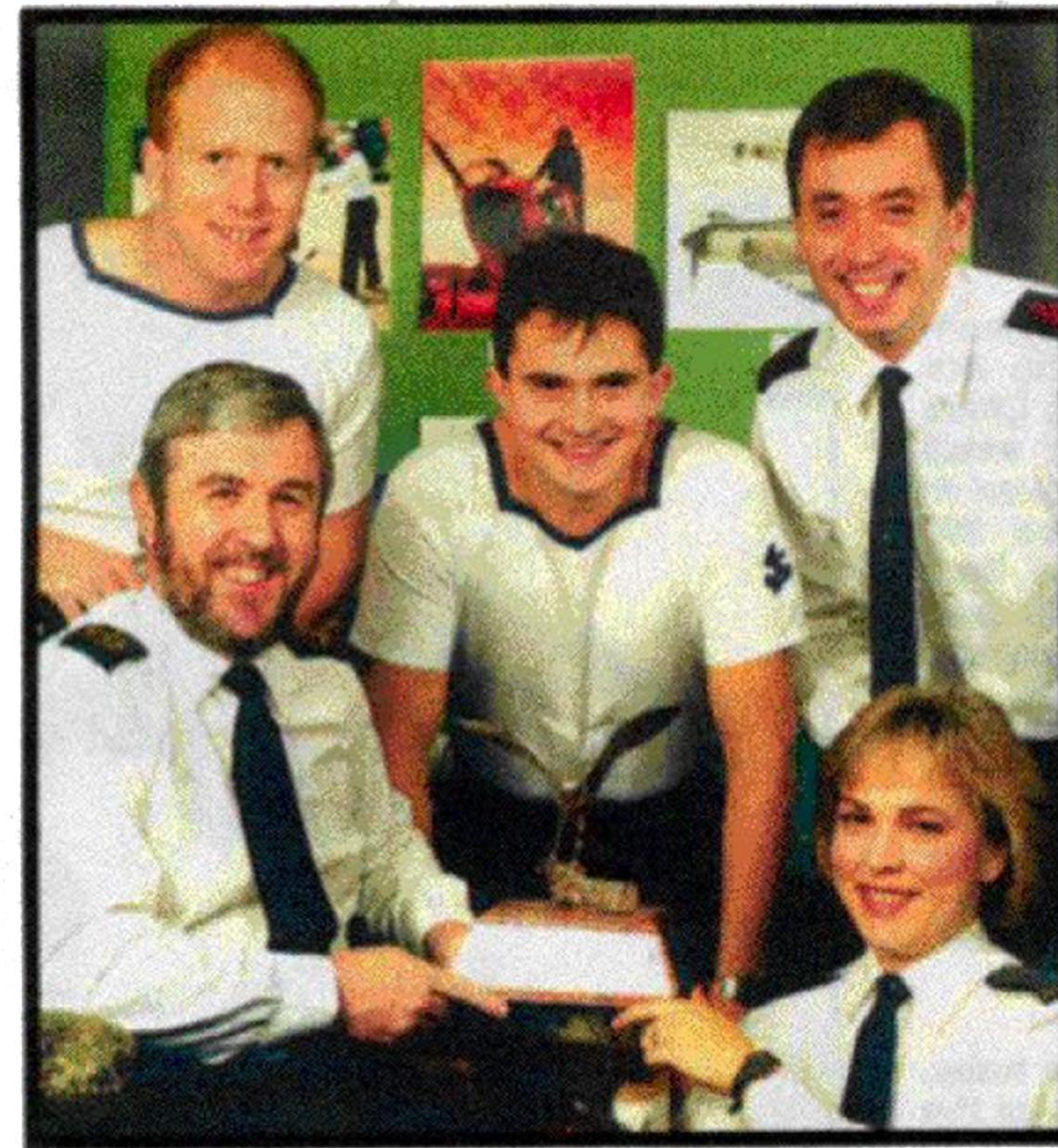
Each year hundreds of photographers from around the world submit their work for possible inclusion.

The work of no fewer than five leading airmen (photographers) is published in the 1989 Year Book. They are John Parker (HMS Intrepid), Joe Mercer (HMS Heron), Phil Ball (HMS Gannet), Chris North (HMS Rooke), and George Harvey (HMS Illustrious).



HMS Endurance is guided through icebergs in Antarctica by one of her Lynx helicopters. This shot (which readers may recall they first saw in Navy News last March) won second prize in the colour section for LA(Phot) Brian Bower.

THE last operational flight of HMS Rothesay's Wasp helicopter, seen over the Dartmouth Training Squadron of (from left) HM ships Rothesay, Bristol and Euryalus. This picture won fourth prize in the colour section for LA(Phot) Tony Thomas.



MEMBERS of the winning HMS Heron's Photographic Section with the Peregrine Trophy. Front are PO(Phot) Ian Wren and LWREN(Phot) Fiona. From left: LA(Phot) Ken John, Joe Mercer and PO(Phot) Ian Wren. The picture is PO(Phot) Mac McLeod with HMS Illustrious.

For Chief Tierney the presentation was a doubly proud occasion. He was Section Chief at HMS Osprey when he won the trophy the previous year.

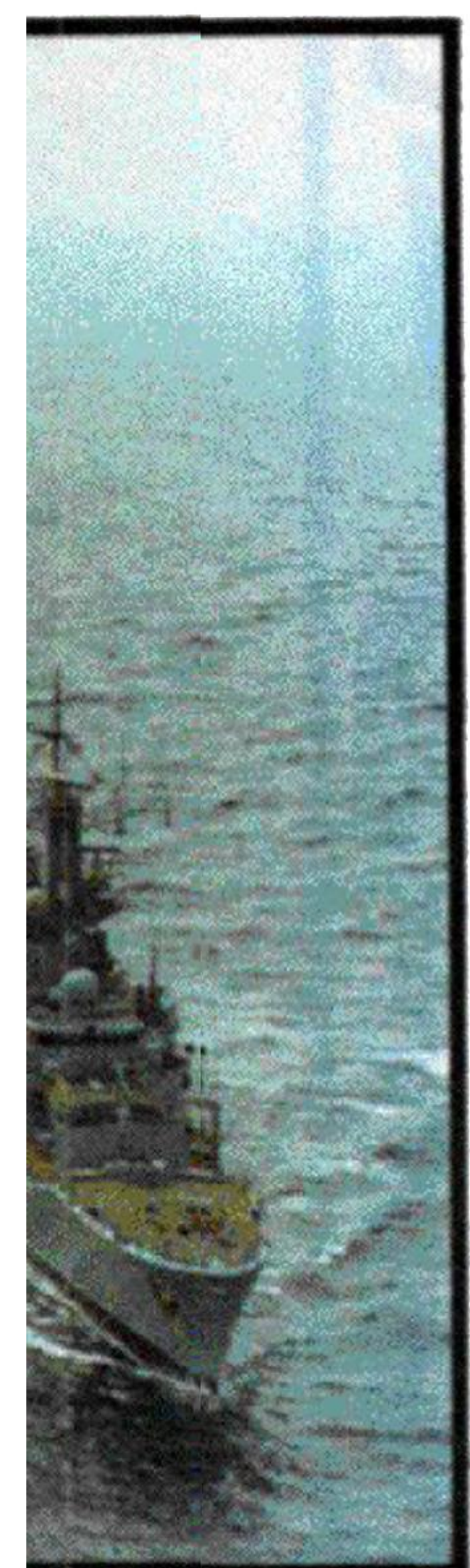


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MID-Atlantic rendezvous: A Sea King from HMS Illustrious pre-
pares to transfer crew members from a Royal Navy nuclear
submarine in the Western Atlantic. LA(Phot) George Harvey won
first prize on the colour section with this picture.



ARMILLA patrol featured in this shot of tankers being accompanied by HMS
Beaver. It took third prize in the colour section for PO(Phot) Stuart Kent.

PRIZE list for the 1988 Peregrine Trophy
competition was as follows:

Peregrine Trophy: HMS Heron; runners-
up, HMS Rooke and HMS Gannet.

Individual awards:

Colour: 1, LA(Phot) George Harvey, HMS
Illustrious; 2, LA(Phot) Brian Bower, HMS
Endurance; 3, PO(Phot) Stuart Kent, Fleet
Photographic Unit; 4, LA(Phot) Tony Thom-
as, Fleet Photographic Unit.

Highly commended: PO(Phot) Stuart

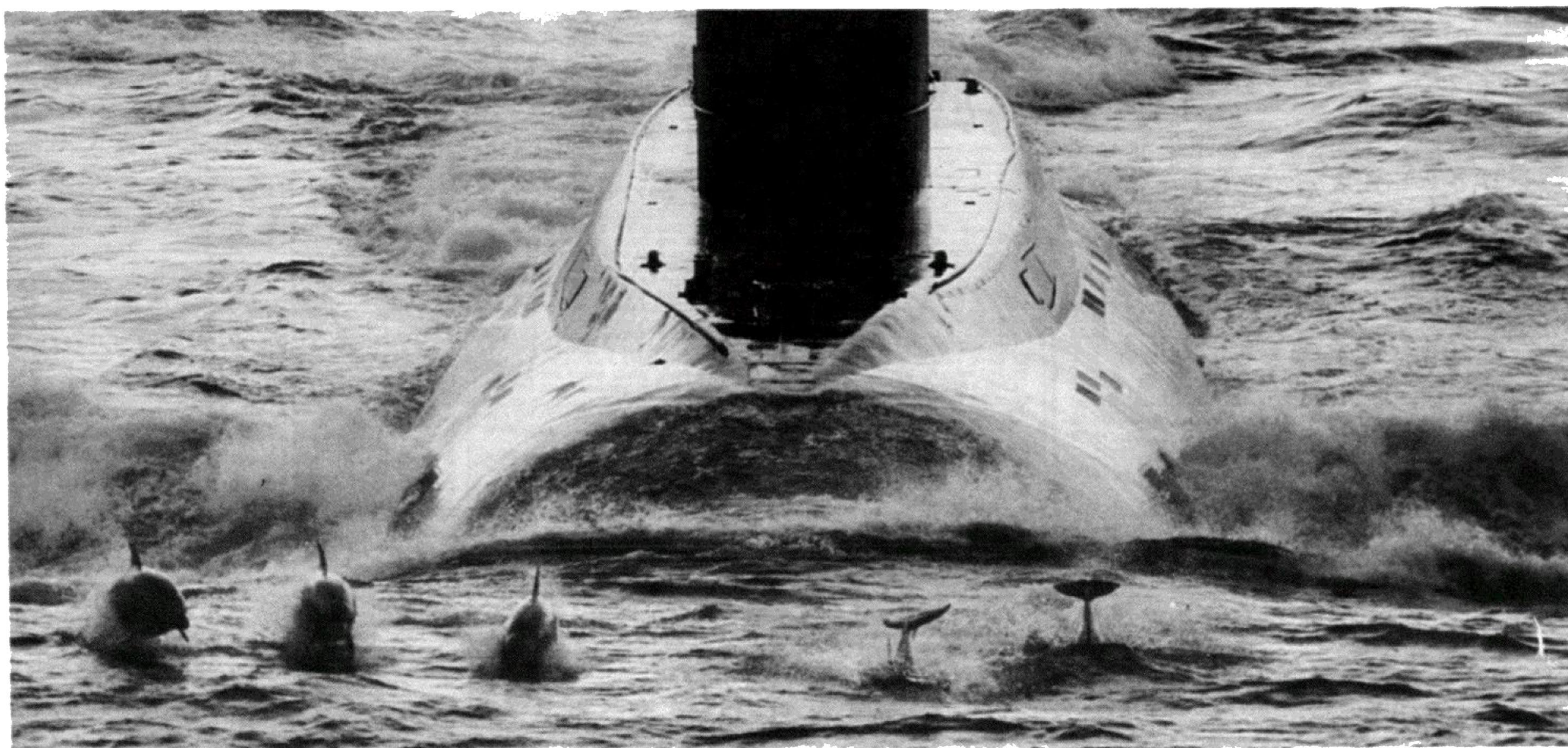
Kent (FPU), LA(Phot) John Parker (HMS
Intrepid) and LA(Phot) Ken Johnson (HMS
Heron).

Monochrome: 1, LA(Phot) Tim Hall, 45
Commando RM; 2, LA(Phot) Chris North,
HMS Rooke; 3, LA(Phot) Paul Cowpe, 800
Squadron, HMS Illustrious; 4, LA(Phot)
James De Silva, HMS Neptune.

Highly commended: LA(Phot) T. Hall, 45
Commando RM, and LA(Phot) Phil Ball
(HMS Gannet).

THIS striking shot charmed many people when it was published in the daily papers —
and intrigued many others as the Navy wasn't identifying the submarine by country or
class and word is it's an unusual one.

"Bow chasers" was the title of the shot of a school of dolphins riding the bow wave
of the sub. at dusk in the Mediterranean. LA(Phot) Chris North, of HMS Rooke, won
second prize in the black and white section with it.



Notice Board

Deaths

A. D. W. Cameron, Cdr. South West Area Officer, Sea Cadet Corps. Nov. 16.
T. L. K. Gilmour, CPOMEA(ML), HMS Intrepid. Nov. 20.
C. J. Oakes, MNE, Comacchio Group, RM. Nov. 26.
W. A. M. Birkett, LS(EW), HMS Newcastle. Nov. 27.
K. Dudley, Cdr. HMS Heron. Dec. 9.

G. C. Leslie, CB, OBE, Rear-Admiral (ret'd). Second World War service included North Atlantic and Russian convoys, with command of HMS Cassandra. Later commanded HM ships Wrangler, Wilton, Surprise, Duncan and Devonshire. Aged 68.
L. S. Saunders, DSO, Capt. (ret'd). Service covered both World Wars, including Jutland (HMS Marlborough) and command of HMS Trinidad on Russian convoy service 1942. Other commands included HMS Escapade, Scorpion and Liverpool. Aged 92.
L. M. Jay, Lieut.-Cdr. (ret'd). Produced Vernon Searchlight Tattoo for many years and later commanded HMS Victory, retiring in 1988. Aged 55.

A. J. Currie, Ex-CPO. Served 1939-61, including HM Submarines Taciturn and Cachalot. Aged 69.
H. V. Humphreys, Ex-CPOPTI. Ships included HMS Nelson and Rodney. Later PT instructor Royal Hospital School, Holbrook. Aged 78.

J. Metcalf, Ex MTBs 633 and 637. Member Coastal Forces Veterans Assn. (Fleetwood).

O. Ladner, DSM. Founder member HMS Kenya Assn. Aged 68.

K. R. Ganey, Ex-GCY. Served 22 years.

L. R. Holliday, Ex-AB (Gunlayer). Ships included HMS Hostile. Aged 69.

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION
The deaths are reported of the following shipmates:

D. Hewitt, Deeside. Aged 86.
G. E. Furniss, Former vice-chairman and standard bearer Leicester. Aged 74.
Maise Orton, Brentwood. Nov. 19.
J. Morgan, Chichester. Ex RM Commando.

Mrs. M. Parker wishes to acknowledge all donations sent for cancer research in memory of her husband, CPO James Parker, BEM, who died on October 15.

Adml. Oswald promoted to First Sea Lord

ADMIRAL Sir Julian Oswald, at present Commander-in-Chief Fleet, is to be First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff in succession to Admiral Sir William Staveley from May 25.

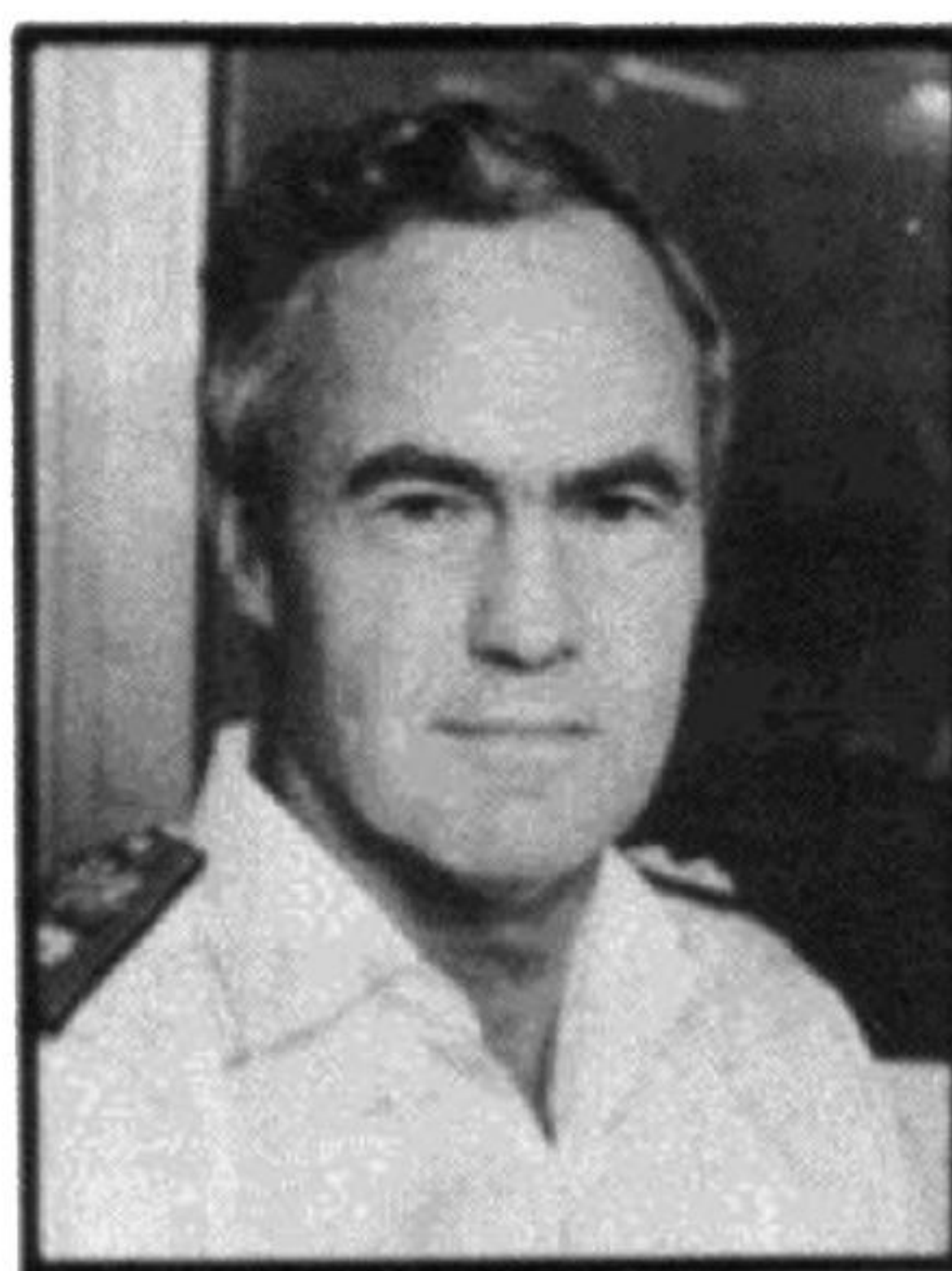
The appointment carries with it membership of the Defence Council and of the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

As a lieutenant Admiral Oswald specialised in gunnery and his commands have included HM ships Yarnston, Bacchante and Newcastle. Among other ships in which he served was the Navy's last battleship HMS Vanguard.

Shore appointments have included Captain in charge of the RN Presentation Team and Captain of BRNC Dartmouth.

His appointments in MOD

Appointments



Adml. Oswald

have included Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Programmes) and Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Policy and Nuclear).

He became Flag Officer Third Flotilla and Commander

Anti-Submarine Warfare Striking Force in 1985, and took up the appointment of Commander-in-Chief Fleet in May 1987.

Rear-Admiral M. H. Livesay, whose appointment to be Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland and Naval Base Commander Rosyth from February had previously been announced, was promoted vice-admiral from December 9.

Other appointments recently announced include:

Capt. C. J. S. Craig, Drake as Commodore, March 21.
Capt. M. C. Boyce, As SNOE, February 4. (To serve as commodore).
Capt. R. N. Woodard, Commodore Clyde December 6, 1988.
Capt. R. F. Cobbold, Brilliant in command and as Capt. F2, February 11.
Capt. N. R. Essenhigh, Exeter in command and as Capt. D5, April 4.
Cdr. K. M. Redford, Juno in command, May 2.
Lieut.-Cdr. G. P. Ramsay, Jersey in command, February 28.

Promotions to Chief

AUTHORITY for promotion of the following ratings to chief petty officer was issued by HMS Centurion in December:

OPERATIONS BRANCH
(SEAMAN GROUP)
To CPO(D) — B. Tempest (Berkeley).
(COMMUNICATIONS GROUP)
REG. PT and R.
To CRS — E. G. Holmwood (ACE NRGN Norway).

SUBMARINE SERVICE
To CPO(W)(SM) — R. F. Bailey (Capt SM2).

To CMEM(L)(SM) — G. Bruce (Talent), P. F. Gorman (Torbay), M. Maxwell (FOSM and SUBELANT), R. G. Heywood (Renown Port), A. Birch (Dolphin), R. F. Shaw (Nelson R).

To CRS(SM) — S. J. Wilkins (Centurion), G. May (Capt SM1), D. L. Corbett (Resolution S).

MARINE ENGINEERING
To CMEM(M) — R. Hill (Leander RFT GP).

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT
To CPOCK — A. Nicoll (Mercury), P. L. West (Raleigh).

To CWREN WTR(G) — G. L. Bywaters (CINCIBERLANT), S. M. White (Royal Household).

To CWREN WTR(P)(CWREN WTR) — L. I. Deacon (Sultan), L. Sayers (Warrior).

To CWREN SA — J. Williams (RM Plymouth), J. Matthews (RM Poole), M. Finnigan (Cambridge).

To CWREN ETS — C. A. Mason (Seahawk).

To CWREN QA — B. A. Townson (Warrior).

MEDICAL BRANCH
To CPOEN(G) — M. R. Stock (RNH Haslar).

FLEET AIR ARM
To CAEM(M) — G. M. Wood (Culdrose), N. J. Edwards (RNAS Portland), W. P. Wolaston (Osprey).

To CAEM(R) — I. M. Flack (Illustrious), F. Fortune (RNAS Culdrose).

To CPOACMN — I. Robertson (A and AEE Bosc. Down).

ACTING CHIEF CHIEF ARTIFICER
Authority was issued by Centurion in November for the following ratings to be

promoted to acting chief chief artificer:

To ACCMEA(M) — A. F. Watson (Sultan).
To ACCMEA(ML)(SM) — R. Hughes (Rex-
puse S), D. Proctor (Trafalgar).

To ACCMEA(P)(SM) — T. C. Woods (Oracle).

To ACCMEA(EL)(SM) — G. H. Ferguson (Trenchant).

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ARTIFICER
Centurion has been notified of the following promotions to chief petty officer artificer which were made by commanding officers in September:

CPOMEA — J. A. Buckner (Portsmouth NB), D. B. Hogarth (Sultan), D. I. Jackson (Portsmouth NB), C. Lowe (Sultan), A. C. Melville (Sultan).

ACPOMEA — C. T. Burgess (Rosyth FEC), S. D. Clarke (Portsmouth NB), W. D. Evans (Sultan), D. S. G. Gow (Sceptre), P. J. Holvey (Sultan).

CPOAEA(M) — H. S. J. Amey (RNAS Yeovilton), A. Atkinson (DGA(N) ASE NATU), M. A. J. Barnard (RNAS Culdrose), P. F. Colman (846 Sqn), P. Lester-Hinchliffe (Heron), M. E. Smith (Heron), R. A. Stanyon (DAED AE School).

CPOAEA(R) — R. G. Game (DAED AE School).

CPOAEA(WL) — A. J. Gunn (DAED AE School), I. Hendy (Seahawk), M. J. King (Seahawk), M. S. Lawless (DGA(N) ASE), A. M. Sales (RNAS Yeovilton), D. M. White (RNAS Yeovilton).

ACPOAEA(WL) — C. P. Meredith (DGA(N) ASE NATU).

ACPOMEA(L) — T. Hughes (Sultan).

CPOWEA — I. Bicknough (NP 1600 Gulf), A. N. Dalrymple (Exeter), D. W. Franklin (Alacrity), N. R. Linstead (Brave), R. Mitchell (Portsmouth), G. D. Stephen (Revenge P), S. R. Sugden (Newcastle).

ACPOWEA — A. P. Freestone (Revenge P), C. Walker (Revenge P).

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER/FIRST CLASS TECHNICIAN

HMS Centurion has been notified of the following promotions to chief petty officer/first class technician which were made by commanding officers in September:

ACPOCT(A) — M. H. Watson (Illustrious), R. J. Collins (Boxer).

Points Leaders

THE following list shows the total points of the men and women at the top of each advancement roster for petty officer and leading rates as at December 1, 1988.

Intermediaries (Int) indicates that personnel can be advanced before they are eligible to receive merit points or before the roster can be adjusted to take account of them. This means that personnel are advanced in "basic date" order. Dates shown against "Int" rosters are the basic dates of the top eligible personnel.

The number following the points (or basic dates) is the number of men who were advanced during November.

PO(EW)/RS(W) — Int (2.10.87), Nil; LS(EW)/LRO(W) — Dry, 1; PO(M) — Int (2.10.87), Nil; LS(M) — Int (11.12.87), 2; PO(R) — Int (20.6.88), 1; LS(R) — Dry, 5; PO(S) — Dry, 1; LS(S) — Int (25.3.88), 4; PO(D) — Int (25.3.88), Nil; LS(D) — Int (27.3.87), Nil; PO(MW) — Dry, Nil; LS(MW) — Int (30.9.88), 1.

PO(SR) — Int (17.6.88), Nil; LS(SR) — Int (17.6.88), 1; PO(SEA) — Int (2.10.87), 6; POPT — 554, Nil; RPO — 354, 7; RS — Int (17.6.88), 1; LRO(G) — Int (14.6.88), 6; CY — Int (30.9.88), 3; LRO(T) — Int (17.6.88), 1; PO(S)(SM) — Dry, 1; LS(S)(SM) — Int (3.6.87), 3; PO(TS)(SM) — Dry, Nil; LS(TS)(SM) — Dry, 1; RS(SM) — 236, Nil; LRO(SM) — Int (6.12.87), Nil; PO(UW)(SM) — Int (20.4.88), Nil.

POEM(M) — Int (11.6.88), 11; LMEM(M) — 148, 21; POEM(L) — Int (27.4.88), 5; LMEM(L) — Int (3.7.87), 13; POEM(O) — Dry, 4; LMEM(O) — Int (12.10.87), 8; POEM(R) — Dry, 8; LMEM(R) — Int (15.9.88), 2; POEM(M)(SM) — 347, 2; LMEM(M)(SM) — 138, 9; POEM(L)(SM) — 138, 2; LMEM(L)(SM) — Int (22.3.87), 4; POEM(O)(SM) — Int (1.3.88), 2; LMEM(O)(SM) — Int (27.3.87), 5; POEM(R)(SM) — Dry, 3; LMEM(R)(SM) — Int (25.6.87), 3; POWTR — Int (25.9.87), 1; LWR — Dry, 3; POSA — 114, 2; LSA — Int (18.2.88), 4; POCA — Dry, Nil; LCK(CA) —

168, Nil; POCK — Int (16.6.87), 5; LCK(C) — 222, 8; POSTD — 364, 3; LSTD — Int (21.10.88), Nil; POMA — 383, 5; LMA — Int (2.12.86), 7.

POAEM(M) — Int (2.7.87), 2; LAEM(M) — 382, 1; POAEM(WL) — Int (5.3.87), 5; LAEM(WL) — 428, 5; POAEM(R) — Int (3.3.88), 2; LAEM(R) — 203, 1; POA(AH) — 165, Nil; LA(AH) — 427, 1; POA(SE) — 185, 1; LA(SE) — Int (8.10.88), 2; POA(PHOT) — 918, 1; POA(MET) — 520, Nil; LA(MET) — Int (17.6.88), Nil; POACMN — 505, Nil.

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POWREN STD — 144, Nil; LWRN STD — 247, Nil; LWRN TEL — 659, Nil; POWREN ETS — 546, Nil; LWRN ETS — Int (3.3.87), Nil; POWREN WTR(G) — Int (2.1.87), Nil; LWRN WTR(G) — Dry, 1; LWRN WTR — Dry, 2; LWRN WTR(S) — Dry, Nil; POWREN AEM(M) — 116, Nil; LWRN AEM(M) — 664, Nil; POWREN AEM(R) — Dry, Nil; LWRN AEM(R) — Int (5.3.88), Nil; POWREN AEM(WL) — Int (5.3.87), Nil; LWRN AEM(WL) — 190, Nil; POWREN PT — Int (9.6.87), Nil; POWREN WA — Int (17.2.88), 1; LWRN WA — Int (4.6.87), 1; POWREN MET — Dry, Nil; LWRN MET — Int (19.6.87), 1; POWREN PHOT — 398, Nil; POWREN PHOT — Dry, Nil; POWREN G — 552, Nil; LEN(G) — Int (16.6.87), 3.

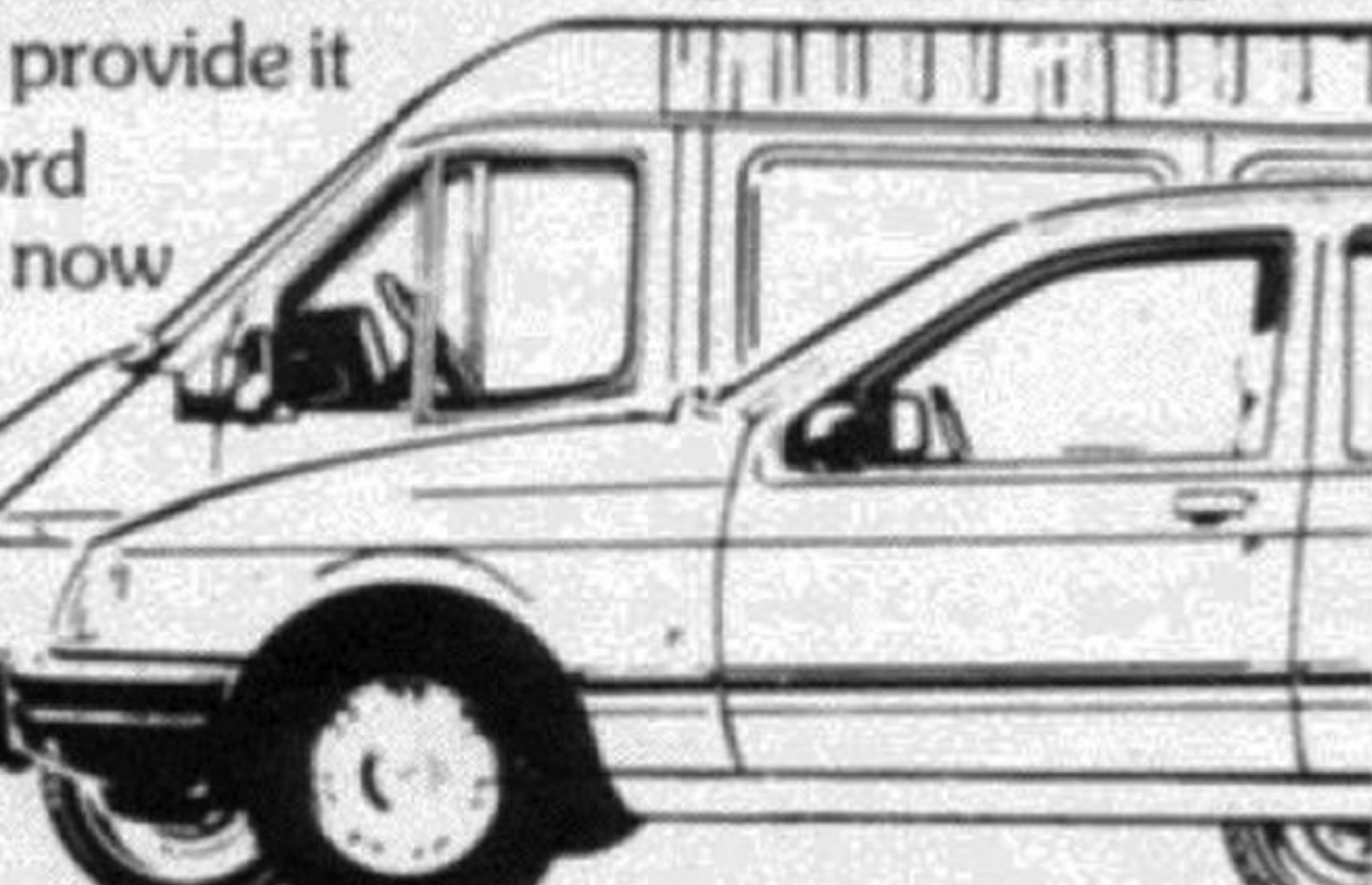
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Std. P.A. Maclean, HMS Osprey, Portland, drafted to HMS Guernsey, Rosyth-based, mid-February. Will swop for any Portsmouth or Plymouth-based ship.

POWEN S. Kitchen, drafted to Commcen, Whitehall, March. Will consider swop for any other billet. Contact Mount Wise 3419.

RO1(G) S.R. Brandreth, HMS Newcastle, deploying early April. Will consider swop for any ship not deploying.

POWEA(OC) Corboy, HMS Euryalus, drafted HMS Liverpool, September, as 4.5in Mk8 Gun Maintainer. Will swop for anything in the South of England, preferably Devonport. Anyone interested in swop must be Mk8 Gun trained.

MEM(L)JA G.P. Bettoney, Scale A, North Corner Group, FMG Centre 451, drafted to HMS Diligence 25 April 1989. Will swop for any Portsmouth-based ship.

CWEM(O) A.D. White, HMS Euryalus, drafted to HMS Collingwood, 13 June '89 over 18 months. Will swop for any Rosyth or Plymouth shore billet.

CPOWEA(WD) Abraham, HMS Euryalus, drafted to Rosyth FEC, 16 May over 12 months. Will swop for any shore billet in the South of England.

LS(MW) W.M. Clark, HMS Atherstone, Hunt Class. Will swop for any Ton class MCMV.

LAEM(WL) Hodgson, Station Armoury, HMS Daedalus, drafted to RNAS Culdrose, 27 February then to 814 Squadron, May '89. Will swop for any Yeovilton, Portland or AED draft. Contact HMS Daedalus Armoury ext. 4369.

AB(S) Macdonald, HMS Ambuscade, drafted HMS Victory, Portsmouth. Will swop for any Plymouth ship or shore base.

RO1(G) S. Jones, HMS Hurworth. Will swop for anything, anywhere, deploying or not.

LWrenWtr(G) S.L. Dunn, MOD DNR HQ Whitehall, Main Building ext. 2543. Will swop for any Plymouth draft.

PO(EW) S.J. Parmenter, HMS Brave, ship deploying May. Will swop for any ship not deploying, preferably Plymouth-based, or Plymouth shore base.

LS(R) Fraser, ERD January 1990, HMS Newcastle (XO Wtr), deploying May '89. Will consider any Plymouth shore base, Royal Arthur or ship in long refit.

LCK(C) Turner, 3G Mess, HMS Brave. Will swop for any Rosyth-based ship.

RO1(T) Makin, HMS Brazen, refitting April '89. Will consider any swop.

LWEM(R) M.R. Baker, ERD April 1990, 3G Mess, HMS Sheffield, deploying May '89. Will swop for any ship not deploying.

LS(S) A.R. Watson, 3R Mess, HMS Edinburgh. Will swop for any Portsmouth-based ship.

WEM(R) Hunter, 3EA Mess, HMS Jupiter. Will swop for any Scottish shore base or ship not deploying, preferably Rosyth. Would also consider north of England draft.

POAEA(WL) Beardmore, 849 HQ, ext. 7288. Will swop for any second line Portland draft, preferably workshops.

AB(R) J. McDougall-Morrison, 3K Mess, HMS Penelope, BFPO ships, drafted HMS Cochrane, 16 January. Will consider any shore draft in South of England.

LCK. A. Bell, 3EZ Mess, HMS Andromeda. Will swop for any Plymouth-based ship deploying or not.

ALCK C. M. Eames, Flat 7, 33 Waverley Road, Southsea (Tel: 0705-816718), drafted to HMS Sheraton, June 13. Will swop for any Portsmouth-based ship.

LCK Biffen, HMS Osprey, drafted HMS Lindisfarne (Cochrane), early April. Will swop for any Type 22 or aircraft carrier.

LCK(CA) G. Dunkley, 3H(S) Mess, HMS Sheffield, deploying May. Will swop for any Devonport ship not deploying in 1989.

LWEM(O) West, 3F Mess, HMS Achilles DTS. Will swop for Portsmouth-based ship or shore billet. Anything considered.

CK Robertson, c/o Main Galley, HMS Cochrane, drafted HMS Manly, April. Will swop for any Rosyth-based ship.

Wren Wtr W. Stoddart, Commander's office HMS Dolphin (ext. 41230). Will consider any Plymouth-area swop.

LMEM(M) Nowell, Scale B, 3F Mess HMS Gloucester, deploying mid-April. Will swop for any Portsmouth-based ship not deploying.

LRO(G) N. R. Lohman, HMS Sentinel, drafted CTF345 (PV Billet), mid-March. Will swop for any other Commcen or shore draft.

AB(S) Honeywood, 3Q Mess, HMS Brazen, refit from April. Will swop for any Plymouth-based 2016 fitted ship.

AB(EW) Bradshaw, UAA1/JA8-9 trained, HMS Edinburgh, Rosyth-based type 42, ERD September, '89. Will swop for any ship deploying.

LCK Parker, 3EZ Mess, HMS Andromeda. Will swop for any Rosyth-based ship or any Scottish draft.

AB(S) M. Cook, 3H Mess, HMS Edinburgh, drafted HMS Osprey, March. Will swop for any Scottish shore draft or Rosyth-based ship not deploying.

RO1(G) R. A. Cant, HMS Lindisfarne. Will swop for anything bigger, preferably down south.

MEM(L) C. Dowson, 3P Mess, HMS Cumberland, deploying. Will swop for any Rosyth-based ship.

AB(M) Hodder, HMS Danae, drafted HMS Fearless, April, in refit in Devonport until March 1990. Will swop for any Portsmouth or Plymouth sea-going ship.

LWRP Borgioli, drafted Northwood AACHAN/EASTLANT, 14 March. Will swop for Portsmouth or Portland draft. Contact E Watch, HMS Dolphin Commcen, ext. 41241/2.

CPOOPS(M) Loar, HMS Amazon, drafted HMS Heron, Yeovilton in May, over 18 months. Will swop for Plymouth area, preferably HMS Cambridge.

AB(EW) M. J. Caldwell, HMS Daedalus, ext. 4495, drafted HMS Intrepid, April. Will swop for any Portsmouth area shore base.

LMEM(M) Faulkner, 3 Mess, HMS Cleopatra, drafted to FOST FMG in April. Will swop for any Devonport (or surrounding area) shore base. Any offers considered.

POWEA D. Scott, drafted to HMS Collingwood in April for 21 months. Will swop for any Plymouth shore base for over 18 months. Contact HMS Active or Plymouth 814035.

AB(M) P. E. Dobson drafted to Naval Party 1600 Gulf, March 1989, will swop for Naval Party 2010 Falklands. Contact Butler's Party, Whale Island ext. 25254.

RO1(T) Pelling, drafted to HMS Minerva, Plymouth-based ships. Contact RO Pelling at T Section HMS Mercury, Petersfield, Hampshire.

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Horatio — mid-life madness?

NELSON wrote to his future wife, Fanny Nisbet, during their courtship, "As you begin to know something about sailors, have you not often heard that salt water and absence always wash away love?"

He went on to dismiss the idea and speak optimistically about reconciling marriage with naval service. But, as everybody knows, on the eve of Trafalgar he had already abandoned her and his thoughts were only of Lady Hamilton.

What had happened in between? It was inevitable that somebody would come up with the term mid-life crisis. David and Stephen Howarth venture it in their new biography *Nelson — The Immortal Memory* to explain his vulnerability to the wayward Emma's passionate and admiring nature and sensual charms.

Sympathetic

They may play down his later insensitivity to Fanny's humiliation but make a sympathetic assessment of his behaviour with the singer, Dolly, (in Livorno) and later with Emma in Naples.

As the book points out, salt water and absence took their toll and Nelson's letters from Fanny lacked warmth and praise; only after his success at Aboukir Bay were his career prospects taking on any degree of certainty; he had endured

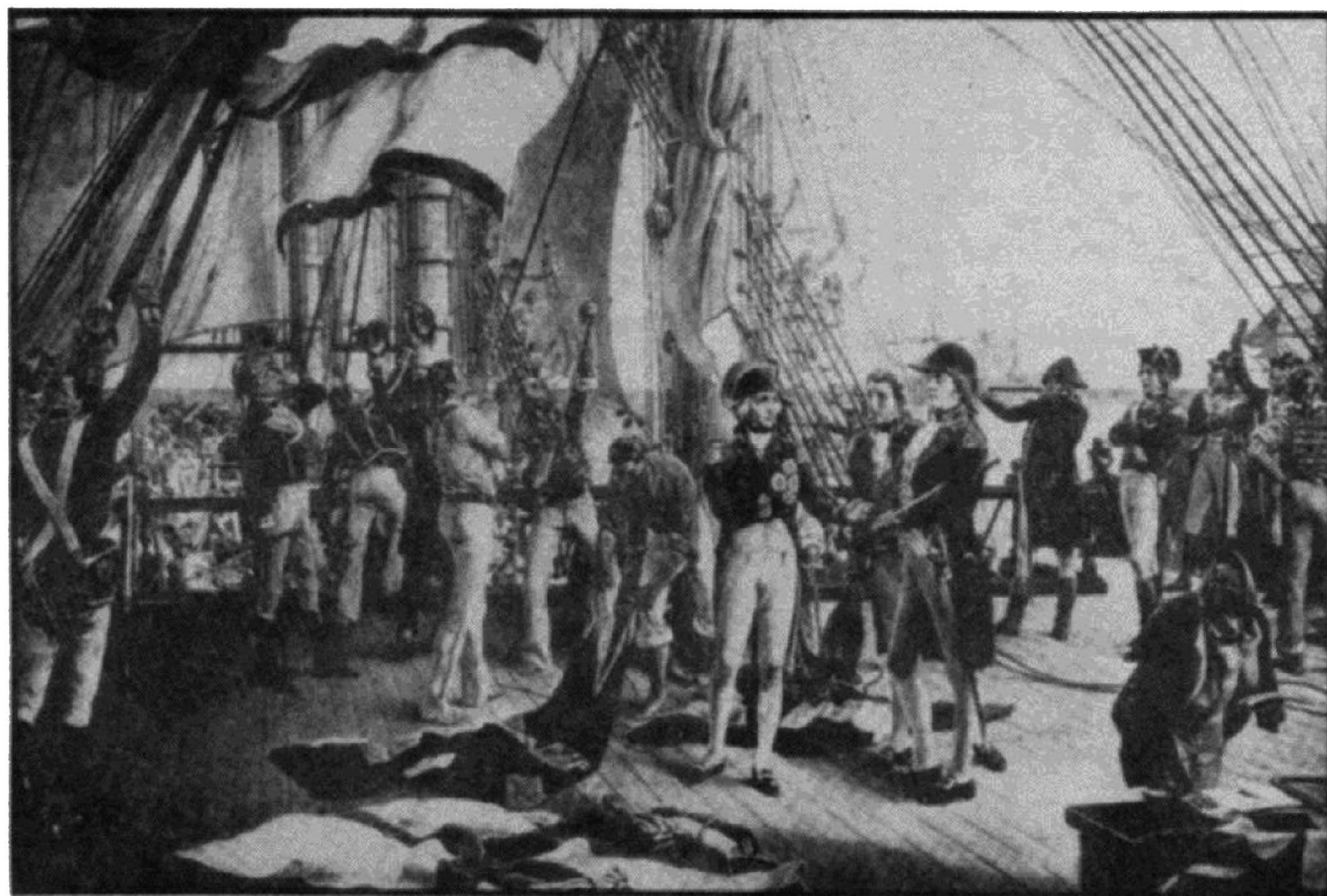
years of frustration and physical hardship. Suddenly he was a celebrated guest at the Court of Naples — doted on by a woman both fascinating and outrageous by the standards of the day.

But despite his weaknesses the Howarths are in no doubt of Nelson's greatness. He was a brilliant tactician and had charisma as a leader but it was his humanity and kindness that put him above other geniuses like Wellington. As one of his contemporaries wrote, "Nelson was the man to love".

For the serious student of Nelson this book probably doesn't provide any fresh material and there is no reference to sources. However it is a lively and accessible portrait, full of fascinating detail that may or may not be well known to the reader.

The highly-regarded writers achieve an almost cinematic effect in describing the great sea battles and how it was to serve afloat in Nelson's day. (Published by Dent, price £16, illustrated hardback).

Poor Fanny is remembered only as the virtuous forsaken wife of a great hero. But her life is interesting in that she was intimately connected with Hor-



An illustration from *Nelson — The Immortal Memory* shows the hoisting of the famous "England expects..." signal at the Battle of Trafalgar.



atio Nelson and her son, Josiah Nisbet, by her first marriage was treated by Nelson as his own. Horatio and Josiah served at sea together but the relationship became uneasy.

Josiah

In *Nelson's First Love — Fanny's Story*, Patrick Dalforce reveals a wealth of detail, some of it previously unpublished, about Fanny and Josiah. It tells of Fanny's early life in the West Indies, her unhappy marriage, her son's career at sea and what happened to them both after Trafalgar.

The author gives the characters their own voices which in some ways is an unsatisfactory format and reads artificially. Fanny manages to sound banal and educational at the same time. Nevertheless a moving and intimate story unfolds and brings the Nelson family into sharper focus. (Published by Bishopgate Press Ltd., price £9.95, hardback).

ENGINEERING THE NAVAL WAY AHEAD

BY THE time HMS Thunderer suffered a devastating boiler explosion in 1876 there was no turning the clock back to the days of sail.

The explosion killed 15 men including the commanding officer, and a further 30 died later from their injuries. Such an accident in a boiler steaming at only 30 psi must have caused naval constructors serious concern in their endeavour to achieve higher steaming pressures, greater efficiency and a volume reduction of the whole propulsion plant.

These were fascinating and challenging days. There was the first Atlantic crossing by steam alone in SS Sirius in 1838 and then the famous trial between HMS Rattler and HMS Alceto. Lashed together, stern to stern, the Rattler fitted with a two-bladed propeller crept forward achieving nearly three knots against the Alceto's thrashing paddles, thus confirming the superiority of the propeller over paddles.

Fascinating

In *Evolution of Engineering in the Royal Navy, Volume 1 (1827-1939)*, Cdr. P. M. Rippon has assembled a fascinating range of diagrams and illustrations into what is both a reference document and a very readable narrative. His tabular summaries highlight the rapid development of machinery, ship size and armament. The layout under sub-headings makes it a book which is easy to dip into for a short read.

In the period 1827 to 1939 the technical developments in ship building were impressive. The need for submarines to keep up with the surface fleet resulted in the K Class boats which achieved on the surface 24 knots from their Parsons steam turbines. A 700 h.p. diesel driven dynamo provided

propulsion power for the interval between surfacing and raising steam in the boilers. These boats included WCs which could be blown down at depth.

Technical progress had to be matched by the creation and development of the Engineer Officer, Artificer and Mechanic branches. The Artificer branch dates back to the mid-18th Century but Engine Room Artificer emerged 100 years later. At the start of this Century a Chief ERA's annual salary was £136.17d.

The author's description of an in-situ repair by the Chief Engineer and his team of an 8ft. diameter cylinder liner illustrates their ingenuity. The year was 1880 and the ship, HMS Triumph, then sailed for a four year commission in the Pacific.

Naval Ordnance and Aviation developments are also well covered. A photograph of HMS Furious with a completely flush flight deck and boiler exhaust emitting from the quarter deck makes the reader wonder how the intrepid aviators of the day ever saw their landing platform.

This is a very readable book on a subject which has received little previous analysis. While waiting with interest for the publication of Volume II, I commend Volume I to both the technical and non-technically minded reader who has an interest in naval history. The publisher is Spellmount Ltd. and the cost £35.

Cdr. Blair Murray

IN BRIEF

CLEARLY set out text and numerous beautifully produced black-and-white and colour reproductions make the *Imperial War Museum Review* No. 3 well worth the £7.95 being asked for the paperback volume. Topics include Gallipoli: The Final Withdrawal; French posters of the First World War; JW53: Story of an Arctic Convoy; Resisting Hitler with Jazz; and Conscientious Objectors: A Spoken Record. The book is available from The Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London, SE1 6HZ.

Barclays Bank has been associated with the production of one of the latest offerings from Cornwall-based Maritime Books: *HMS Ark Royal — The Ship and her Men*. David Smith and Andrew Wynn have provided a lively, highly readable text which complements the numerous colour photographs which reflect not only the formal aspects of the ship's duties but also the lighter side of life on board. The book is published in paperback, priced £5.95.

Today's Royal Marines, a new book from the Naval Editor of Jane's Defence Weekly, Paul Beaver, offers a compact but comprehensive guide to the overall organisation and command structure. He explores every aspect of the Service including history, training, uniforms and equipment. Published by Patrick Stephens Ltd, the paperback costs £5.99.

Readers familiar with the Captain Ramage novels will be glad to hear that Dudley Pope has added another to the series — *Ramage and the Saracens*. Secker and Warburg's Alison Press have published the book, priced £11.95, hardback.

A mass of black-and-white photographs and comprehensive text organised in short chapters makes John Murray's paperback *The Royal Naval Auxiliary Service — The First Twenty-Five Years* a snip at £4.50. The only obvious criticism would be that the typesize is too small for anyone whose eyesight is less than perfect. The work is published by Maritime Books.

Lieut.-Cdr. Richard Framp-ton has pulled together threads of information from a variety of sources to create a slim but very useful hardback volume, *Sea Careers*. The book is published by The Marine Society and offers basic advice on what young people can expect, what will be expected of them, and where to go for further information. It costs £5 direct from the publishers at 202 Lambeth Road, London SE1 7JW, but discounts are available for bulk purchases. — J.D.

HAVE YOU GOT WANDA-LUST?

Leading off the latest muster of 16mm releases is a real success story. *A Fish called Wanda* — a modestly budgeted British comedy — has been a box office smash everywhere, particularly in the USA, has revived the ailing career of one of its stars (Kevin Kline) and transformed another of them (John Cleese) into an unlikely, and surely temporary, sex symbol.

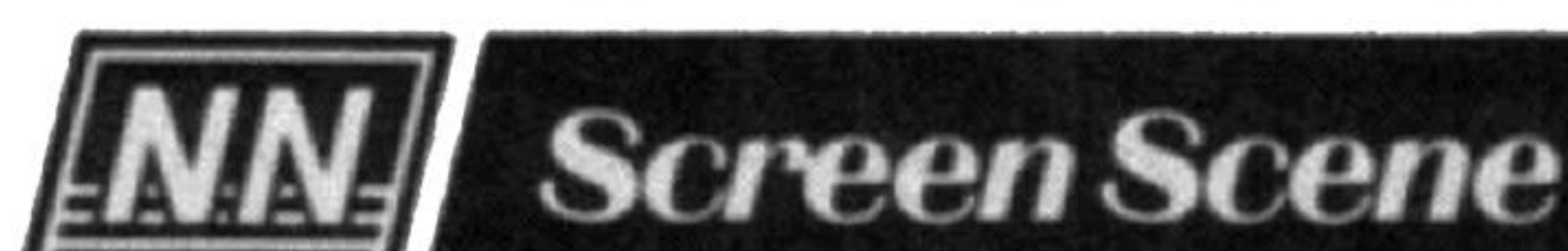
Additionally it has brought back to prominence a once-distinguished but latterly neglected director, the 78-year-old Charles Crichton.

The plot has to do with a robbery and the mayhem which ensues when it's time to divvy up the spoils. Cleese is a staid barrister who gets sucked into the imbroglia when, understandably, he falls for glamorous fraudster Jamie Lee Curtis.

There are a few aspects of the film — hilarious though it often is — which some viewers have found disagreeable, notably the idea that anyone with a stutter is automatically comical, but otherwise, it's one long hoot.

Next comes the amiable *Monster Squad*, which is that rarity, a user-friendly horror picture. Those who saw Fred Dekker's earlier *Night of the Creeps* (available from the RNFC video library) will know what to expect, i.e. the works.

The plot is a piece of nonsense involving ancient curses



and time warps, which simply serves as an excuse to dump a whole thesaurus of creatures on one of those idyllic American townships. The population is obliged to join battle with its unwelcome guests, resulting in one of the most prodigious special effects jamborees for some time.

The cast list takes in the likes of Frankenstein's monster — who behaves on this occasion like a real chum — a glowering Dracula, the Wolfman howling at the moon, the Mummy stomping dustily all over the landscape and even a guest appearance by the Creature from the Black Lagoon.

There's nothing for it but to come straight out and say that the title of our next release is *Shag*. This refers, of course, to a dance which was popular in the early '60s. At the time, Hollywood slapped an embargo on the word's use in movies since, as the Breen Censorship Office kindly explained, "it has offensive connotations in British territories." Times change, how-

ever, and the new film was actually made by a British company working in the USA, and they have not minded one iota about reactions in British territories.

The film is crammed full of "innocent" lines of dialogue which are guaranteed to have ships' companies prostrate with mirth throughout the Fleet. The picture itself is a likeable comedy, very much on the lines of another recent hit and another rather unfortunate title), *Dirty Dancing*.

Masquerade is a good example of the sort of thriller which holds viewers in a constant state of uncertainty about which character is in league with which other character, and exactly who is conspiring to bump off whom. The script skilfully shifts around the audience's sympathies, keeping us guessing right up to the final explosion of violence. Another plus is the film's unbeatable combo of leading ladies, Meg Tilley and Kim Cattrall.

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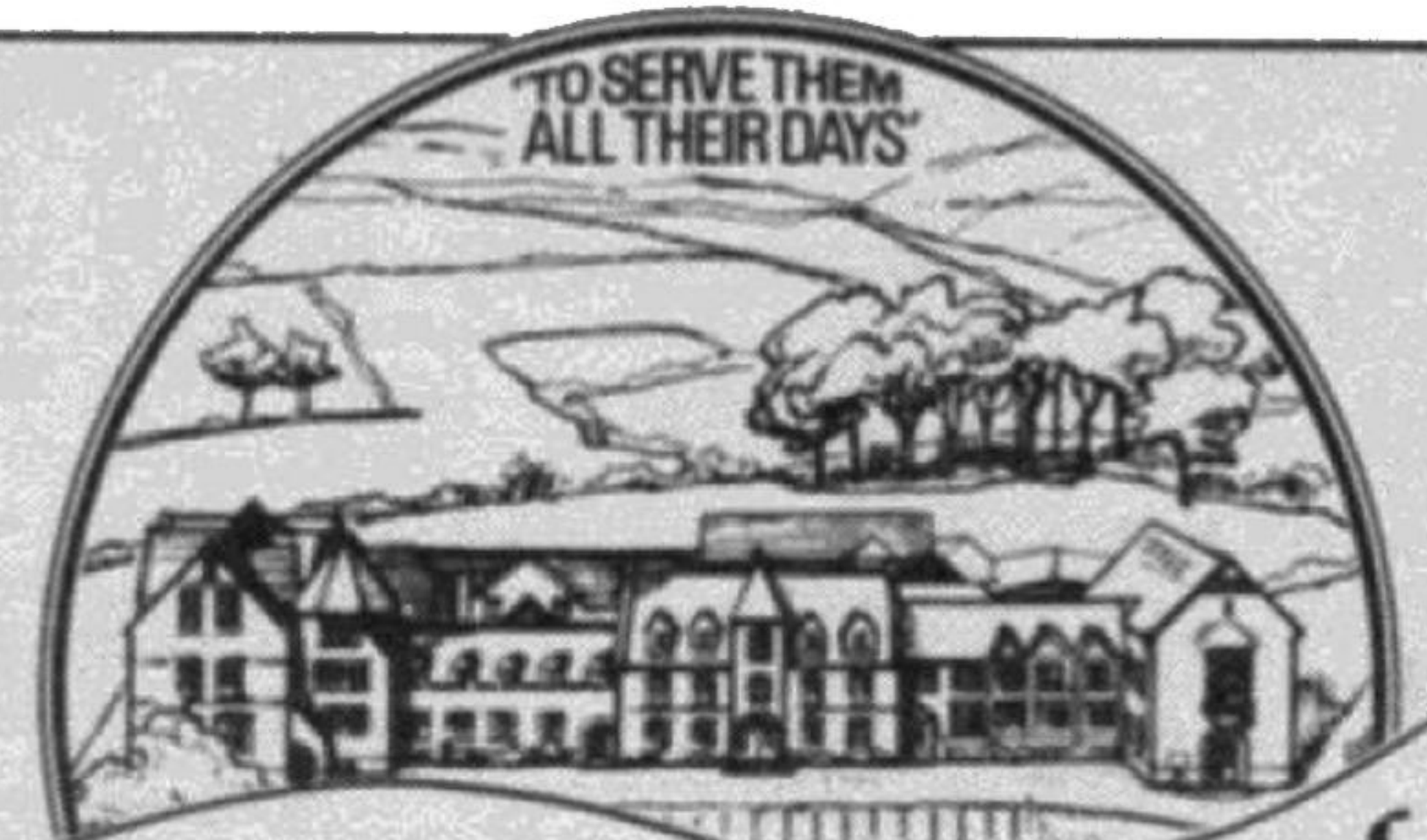
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But if naval recruiting is a demanding job, it is also a most satisfying one, say the recruiters. And it is a task which requires the ability to communicate well with the general public and relate to young people.

At the centre of the operation is the Department of Naval Recruiting (DNR), which controls a nation-wide network of 60 Careers Officers from Inverness to Truro, manned by 240 Careers Information Officers and Careers Advisers.

REGIONS

The DNR organisation, which is responsible to the Director General Naval Manpower and Training, is headed by Capt. David Hart-Dyke, with Capt. Philip Masterton-Smith as deputy and in charge of officer recruiting.

For recruiting purposes the UK is split into five regions, each with its own Regional Careers Staff Officer (who is a serving commander or major RM) in charge, and with his own HQ and staff.

Each region covers about 1,600 schools which — in common with many other organisations — are targeted for potential recruits.

In drawing, selecting — and often convincing — these "possibles," the PR skills of the CIOs and Careers Advisers come into play. Here wide experience is involved as all CIOs are ex-CAs who are recruited from senior rates or senior non-commissioned officers RM after 22 or 27 years active service. Moves have also been made to recruit WRNS and the QARNNS to the Careers Service.

Supporting the CIOs are 95 Active Service men and women, from commanders as Regional Careers Staff Officers, through to lieutenant-commanders and lieutenants as Area Schools Liaison Officers responsible for officer recruit-

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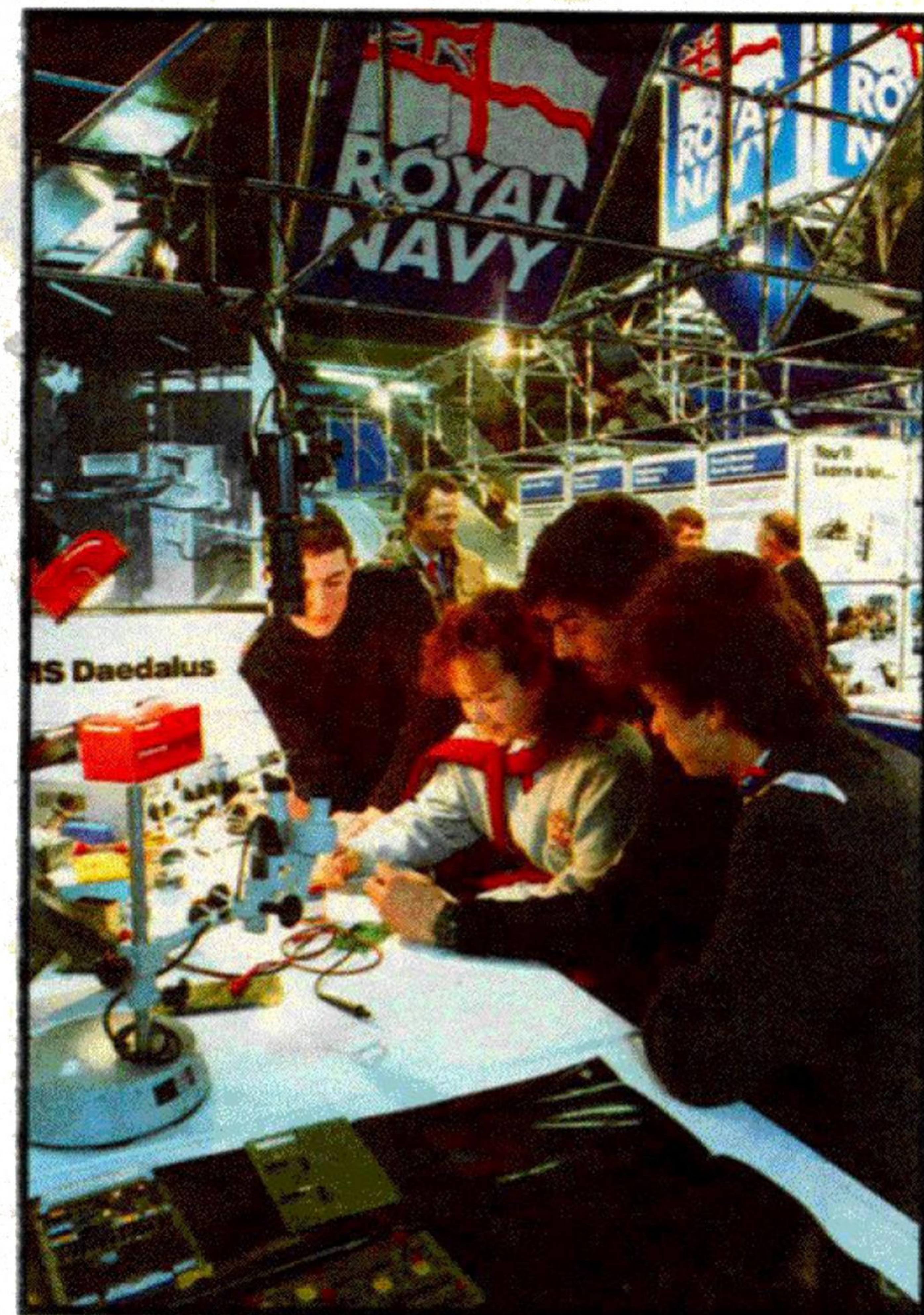
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THE Graduates Fair in London is just one place where information about naval careers is given. Helping provide information here is Second Officer Emily Fletcher.



ABOVE: Busy scene at the naval recruiting stand at the Careers for the '90s exhibition at Harrogate. Ratings from HMS Daedalus are helping to man the stand.

ABOVE LEFT: A taste of rope work for two young visitors to the Kent County Show, where "R" Company Royal Marines, who support the Recruiting organisation, were helping to promote the Service.



LEFT: So that's how a submarine works! CPO Tom Farling makes the explanations to boys of a Sevenoaks school.

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HMS Barrosa/Jutland: Crew of Jutland destroyed by fire, transferred to Barrosa. Former members of either ship's company interested in a reunion should contact John Douglas 2306 Coventry Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 3JS.

HMS Seymour 1944-1946: Would the former Leading Signaller from Liverpool who served on this ship please write again to E. Hewitt in Tasmania as your letter has been mislaid. Contact the Secretary, Royal Naval Association Hobart (Tasmania) Branch, PO Box 418, Rosny Park, Tasmania, Australia 7018.

HMS Tyrian 1945-1946: Former WO Harry Hughes, Ted Dukett and Harold France, have had a reunion. Anyone else who would like to join them is asked to write to Harold France, 6 Elham Close, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 6XG (tel. 0634-32692).

HMS Anthony: AB Donald MacLennan, from North Uist, Western Isles, Scotland saved the ship and was awarded the DSM. He was also involved in sinking a U-Boat in the Straits of Gibraltar, February 24, 1944. Can you help trace him? Please contact Jack Smith, 78 Moulton Rise, Luton, LU2 0BJ (tel. 0582-33829).

MTB 231 and MTB 473: Mr. Alf Birch seeks information of crew members. Please write to 37 Sandgate Terrace, Koppax, Leeds, LS25 7BQ or phone 0532-869585.

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HM Lady Blanche, HM Ships Scottish, Dee, George Adgell, Protest: Ex-AB PSGL John Currie would like to get in touch with old shipmates. Contact 121 Northam Road, Percy Main, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 7AR.

Royal Arthur, Class 232, May/July 1940: F. G. Brown of Kings Norton, 19 Sunnybank, Camden Road, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7RW, would be interested to hear from ex-shipmates. He is also keen to contact George Maine (Penarth) who served on the Bagshot.

HMS Warspite, 1941-pay off: Lieut.-Cdr. R. Martin, 7 Rostrevor Mansions, St. Helen's, Southsea, Hants., would like to hear from old shipmates interested in joining the Association, particularly Torpedo Division.

HMS Brecon, 1942-45: Mr. F. Moore, 22 Summer Lane, High Heath, Pelsall, Walsall, West Midlands, WS4 1DS (Tel. 0922-683631) would like to contact old shipmates, with view to a possible reunion.

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LCT 1333 and 1152: Mr. A. T. Wilmut (Taff), 91 Mill Road, Caerphilly, Mid-Glamorgan, South Wales, (Tel. 883701), would be pleased to hear from old shipmates from the above LCTs and from LCM177 Flotilla, 1943-44.

HMS Quail, 1943: Ex-stoker Mr. T. A. "Yorkie" Russell, is interested in hearing from old shipmates, particularly the ship's engineer officer Dixon (later Cdr. Dixon), and Lieut.-Cdr. Jenks. Contact 25 Hardwick Crescent, Athersley South Estate, Barnsley, S71 3GY.

HMS Vanguard's Royal Tour 1947 Concert Party: Mr. Bob Burns, 40 Ronaldsway, Thornton, Liverpool, Merseyside, L23 9XX (Tel. 052-924-5096), would like to hear from the Lower Decks "show biz" personality, AB Ernie Rigby.

Aarhus Denmark 1945: Anyone who knows the name of the nightclub where ex-signalsman Ginger Binns and the naval disposal party were billeted from June to September 1944 please write to T. Binns, PO Box 388, St Michaels on Sea, 4265, Republic of South Africa.

RM Comacchio Group 1984: Would Beano of this group please contact Dick Blake, 1 Grays Cottages, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 2JP.

HMS Alliance 1947-1948: Bob Nicholson would like to contact former members of his last submarine. Would old shipmates please write to Bob at 2 Pyke Court, Wodonga, Victoria 3690, Australia.

HMS St. Vincent 1948-1949: Duncan division of HMS St. Vincent and HMS Vanguard 1949-1950. Would any former boy seaman who served with Ernest Hurst ashore or afloat please contact him at Flat 4, 20 Tynham Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH6 4AW (tel. 0202417053).

HMS Bahamas: Would any former member of this ship's company please contact Ken Cratchley at 2 The Avenue, Churchdown, Gloucester.

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HMS Antwerp 1942-1945: Sam Harrison and Frank Balls want to contact former shipmates with the aim of a reunion. Please contact S. Harrison, 68 St. Martin's Road, Ashton-on-Mersey, Cheshire, M33 5PZ; or F. Balls, Flat 2, 39 Prince of Wales Road, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9HS.

HMS Caron and Roebuck: Dartmouth training squadron 1956-1958. If you served on either of these ships during this time, and are interested in a reunion, please contact Les Hambleton at The Old Grist Mill, Widescombe-in-the-Moor, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 7TF (tel. 036-42-204).

Ex-LS C. Brown is eager to contact two fellow ex-ratings, Dickie Hills and "Darby" Allan who were in Antwerp early in 1945 and were known as "The Skates". Contact 1 St. James's Drive, Burton in Kendal, Carnforth, Lancs. LA6 1HY.

HMS Rooke, Gibraltar, 1951-54: Tom Cross, 24 Windmill Drive, Audlem, Cheshire, (Tel. 0270-811130), seeks news of MAA Harry Thompson, native of Plymouth.

HMS Newcastle 1954-55: Would former members of the engine room branch, especially 306 mess members Tony Richardson, Bagsy Baker, please contact Ron Perkins, 8 The Inlands, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4DE.



Reunions

HMS Fulmar: RNAS Lossiemouth next reunion will be on April 29 1989. Further details from B. Jones, Torr House Hotel, Moss Street, Elgin, Moray, IV30 1LU, (tel. 0343-2661).

Chatham 1939 Entry: Artificer apprentices (Fisgard) Rodney and Duncan division. The 50th anniversary reunion is to be held at the Royal Sailors' Home Club in Portsmouth on April 8 1989. Further details from Ken Roseblade at 11 Latchmore Gardens, Cowplain, Portsmouth, PO8 8XR, (tel. 0705-240402).

Flower and Castle Class Corvettes: Anyone interested in arranging a reunion for Flower and Castle class corvette former crew members should contact Stanley Taylor. He would especially like to hear from former Tintagel Castle shipmates. Write to 10 Beech Road, Willenhall, West Midlands, WV13 3DD, (tel. 0902-633197).

Battle of Cape Matapan 1941: An international gathering of the survivors from this battle is being held in May 1989. Anyone who was serving on board any HM ship which took part, is invited to attend the

gathering. Full details of the event, with itinerary and costs, can be obtained from: Steno Mezzetti of the Associazione Nazionale Combattenti e Reduci, at Via Roma, 44 - 58022, Follonica, GR, Italy. (tel. 0566-43210).

HMS Charybdis and HMS Limbourne: October 1988 saw the 45th anniversary of the sinking of these ships. Every year since 1946 a Charybdis weekend has been held in Guernsey, the 1988 event taking place over October 7 to 10. The weekend also included a visit to Dinard cemetery, for survivors and relatives. Further details can be obtained from Jim Duckworth, Secretary, Charybdis Association, 87 The Hove, Mordishaw, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 6EE, (tel. 0928-718109).

23rd Flotilla Reunion: Naturally this will also include Saumarez, Serapis, Svaner and Stord. Apologies to shipmates for the previous omission of these ships. Please send see for details to Bill Swift at 37 New Road, Lovedean, Portsmouth, PO8 9RV, (tel. 0705-591032).

HM Submarine Thetis: June 1 sees the 50th anniversary of the loss of this boat and the Maritime Museum at Holyhead will be staging an exhibition about the submarine. Anyone who would be prepared to give or loan any archive material, photographs, newspaper articles, or other memorabilia on the Thetis for the exhibition should contact Mr. Dave Percival, Sec./Treasurer of the Submarine Old Comrades Association, Ynys Mon Branch, Ty Pederu, Prince of Wales Road, Holyhead (Tel. 0407-50738).

Second World War: Will any former Royal Naval POW, who was in Italy and has any knowledge of the circumstances of Stoker R. P. Elliott's death whilst attempting to escape, please contact his brother Mr. E. V. Elliott, 30 Hanover Way, Dedworth, Windsor, Berkshire.

HM Submarine P611: After the filming of this boat and her sister submarine P612 for the 1942 film "We Dive at Dawn", a group photograph of P611's crew was taken by the film company. Ex-Yeoman of Sigs W. Bennetts has lost his copy and wonders whether anyone has one to spare. Please contact him at 35 Norm Street, Kenmore, Queensland 4069, Australia.

years old. He also served on HMS Birmingham and HMS Lowestoft. He was known as Leap Woodward. Can anyone help? Contact Mrs Kingston at 66 Willow Grove, Thorne, Doncaster, Yorkshire, DN8 4EH (0405-613643).

HMS Mauritius 1947-48: Would former members of the stokers mess deck (Mess 28) namely Ernie Webb, Geordie Wardle, Des Collier, Fergus Ferguson, Jack O'Neil, Taffy Jones, Prescott, Gino Floy and any others please contact Maurice Wickens, 34 Bailey Avenue, Thatcham, Berkshire, (tel. 0635-63023).

HMS Hero: Reg Wilson, now retired and living in Australia, would like to hear from old shipmates or anyone who knew him. He served on HMS Hero, Aberdare and Danae. Please write to him at 41 Albury Street, Pimlico, Townsville, North Queensland, Australia, 4812.

HMS Vengeance 1947: Peter Evans, a former steward on HMS Vengeance during 1947, would like to hear from his old shipmate Alec Law, also a steward. Write to his son, Paul Evans at 10 Campers Road, Thorpe Bay, Southend, Essex.

HMS Indefatigable: Ivor Ellis who now lives in New Zealand, would like to contact Reggie Davies who also served on HMS Eagle, Albion and Ark Royal. Would Reggie, from North Wales, please write to Ivor Ellis, 99 Messenger Terrace, Oakura, Taranaki, New Zealand.

HMS Copra and HMS Illustrious: Would LS Bond, HMS Copra 1944-45, please contact Mr. R. Rawcliffe, 17 Bowland House, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 5EB Mr. Rawcliffe would also like to hear from Les Searle from Cornwall who served on board HMS Illustrious, 1943-46.

HMS Valiant Battle of Jutland: 93-year-old Mr. James Cusick wonders if any of his old shipmates from 15 Mess, HMS Valiant are still alive. Please write to him at 41 Spa Lane, Woodhouse South, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

HMS Nigeria, 1939-41: Mr. Denis King would like to get in touch with former shipmate Charles Exton, a fellow boy seaman on the Nigeria. Please write to him at 17 Avalon Road, Farrington Estate, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR3 3JN.

HMS Gleaner, 1943-45: Mr. N. B. Thorne would like to contact ex-Sto. PO Mike Daly and ex-Sto. PO Taffy Reece. Please contact Mr. Thorne at 6 Charlton Close, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4HY.

Training Ship Warspite: The TS Warspite Old Boys Association 50th anniversary reunion will be held at the Marine Society in London during June 1989. Further details from Marine Society, 202 Lambeth Road, London, SE1 7JW, (tel. 01-261-9535).

HMS Bullen K468: The first reunion is planned for April 22 1989 at the St. Edmunds Hotel, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth. Further details from C.W. Silverstone, 31 Sands Lane, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Norfolk, N32 3ER, (tel. 0502-561130).

HMS Whitesand Bay: Former shipmates from the September 1950 to September 1952 commission are holding a reunion on April 1 1989. The venue is the Union Jack Club, London at 1930 hours. Further details from G. Peat, 2 Ashfield Avenue, Beeston, Nottinghamshire, NG9 1PY, (tel. 0602-227523).

HMS Warspite Association: The 4th reunion will take place between May 5 and 7 at the Hospitality Inn, Southsea and St. Ann's Church. Former Warspite submariners are also welcome. Further details from Lieut. R.C. Martin, 7 Rostrevor Mansions, St. Helens Parade, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire, (tel. 0705-735819).

L.S.T. Landing Craft Association: The President, Chairman and all members pray for a quick recovery of our Secretary/Treasurer Shipmate Bill Chalk. Those wishing for the reunion to take place as planned on the weekend 12-14 May, telephone Shipmate Alan Mellor on 0705 739474 evening or weekend, giving name and address. Keep an eye on this column for further details.

HMS Liverpool Association: Sixth reunion will be held on June 10 in the POs Mess, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. For details contact John Waters, 2 Dewberry Road, Wordsley, West Midlands, DY8 5XJ (Tel. 0384-71064).

HMS Leander: Sixth reunion will be held at Swadlincote, near Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, 22 April. All welcome - including ex-ship companies from 1936-87. For further details contact Mick Bugden, 7 Wordsworth Avenue, Swadlincote, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. (Tel. 0283-213780).

Howe Division, HMS Caledonia, 1943-46: 45th Anniversary reunion was held at the Meon Valley Country Club. More than fifteen former apprentices, with their wives, attended for a buffet supper. The next gathering of the Howes will be when the Old Caledonian Artificer Apprentices Association meets at HMS Sultan in mid-1989. Details from Michael McCaffrey, 48 Bately Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 6HN.

HMS Hermes: A reunion will be held on Sunday, April 9, at 1100 hours at Liverpool RNA. A general get-together will be held on the previous evening at the same venue. Hotel accommodation can be arranged for those interested in attending. Enquiries should be addressed to the Association Secretary, Mr. Peter Baptie, 16, Virginia Close, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 3RB (Tel. 01-949-5648).

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New job for Raymond

WARRANT Officer Raymond Barraclough has the distinction of being the first serving member of the Royal Navy to join the National Council of the Association as Honorary Treasurer.

WO Barraclough, who is stationed at Portland, is treasurer both of the Bridport and No. 4 Area.

Diary date

Sunday, June 11, 1989, is a date for the diary if you are planning to attend the laying up of Enfield's old standard and the dedication of the new. Branch headquarters at TS Troubridge will be open before the parade line-up at 1415 and the service at 1500 in St James' Church. Those planning to attend should contact the branch secretary, Shipmate F.C. Mabbette.

Standards raised in Trafford

MEMBERS of Trafford branch ran a successful stall at their local carnival and eight days later their new branch standard was dedicated in St Clements Church, Urmston.

Following the service, conducted by branch chaplain Rev. Tiltman, over 20 standards were paraded to music from the Greater Manchester Police Band.

The reception after the parade was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Trafford; Shipmate Tom Gallagher, national council member No 10 Area; Mrs Nanette Pearce, former PRO of the Association; and 300 shipmates.

A rose bowl was presented to Shipmate Charles Hutton and his wife, Diana, in recognition of their work for the branch.

The evening ended with a dance at the Princess Rooms, Urmston.

THAT SAILORS are big-hearted and have very deep pockets is evident from the sums raised annually by RNA branches for the Central Charities Fund.

In the past year their efforts have realised £12,750: £6,500 for Rosendale House, Dundee; £2,500 for the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association; £2,200 for the Ex-Service Mental Welfare and £1,500 for the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust.

This generous effort does not include money raised by branches for local, national and naval charities of their choice, which in 1987 realised a total of £73,465, and will no doubt, be matched again for 1988.

While fund raising at grass roots takes many forms, on the welfare side many good works go unsung and unnoticed, such as hospital visits, treats for the aged and forgotten in Homes, parcels for those down on their luck, and friendship for those

in time of need.

Such friendship was experienced recently by Shipmate Ron Rowells and his wife, Brenda, when on holiday in Malta. Without warning, Ron, a member of Cheltenham branch was struck down and rushed to hospital with a burst duodenal ulcer.

For Brenda, finding herself alone in a strange country, it could have been a calamity were it not for the generous help and support given by members of the association and the Royal British Legion, Malta. Thanks to a welfare grant from Cheltenham branch, Brenda was also well looked after while Ron, now on his way to recovery, was in hospital. The branch sends warm thanks to all who gave support at this time.

BRANCH NEWS

Led by the Watford Silver Band, 35 standards paraded for a service at St Lawrence Church to mark the dedication of Eastcote standard. The branch chaplain, Rev. David Hayes, conducted the service, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon and Capt. S. K. Sutherland RN, president No 1 Area. The Mayor, branch president Shipmate Jim Archer, and Capt. Sutherland, took the salute at the march past. It was a particularly proud occasion for Shipmate Dale Chambers who, as the Association's youngest standard bearer, won praise for his manner throughout the ceremony.

Shipmate Bill Wright continues his triumphant return to fitness after being struck down by a paralyzing illness.

In his wheelchair and accompanied by three pushers, Bill covered 12.1 miles of the Gosport half marathon course in one hour 39 minutes. With the help of crutches Bill walked the final mile in 68 minutes, finishing almost exactly as planned.

A member of Barnes and Mortlake, Bill returned home

in July from the Royal Star and Garter Home at Richmond, Surrey, but returns twice a week for physiotherapy.

Although Bill's entry in the Gosport event was not for charity, a similar achievement by him in the Stoke Potteries Marathon back in June brought in over £50,000 for the Home.

To help raise funds for a local Maternity Hospital, the Hartlepool RNA Leek club joined forces with the Lions Club to raise £650 to provide the hospital with a portable ventilator for sick babies.

Ex-Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel who enjoyed holidays at the Royal Navy Hotel at Weymouth will be sad to hear of the sudden death of their hostess Margaret — or Maggie as she was affectionately known to all. Her warm personality and Irish humour contributed in no small measure to the welcoming atmosphere of the hotel. Sympathy goes to her husband, Bill.

A thank you to Bromsgrove branch from former members of HMS Croome for their efforts in enabling a reunion of ex-Croomes to take place. HMS Croome was the wartime adopted ship of Bromsgrove town.

There was a big turn out for Yeovil Remembrance Day parade which was supported by other ex-Service associations. The parade marshal was Shipmate Ray Trigger. Following the parade Shipmate Alan Crow, landlord of the Railway Hotel, invited members of the branch to inspect a display of Service memorabilia. A £20 cheque was presented by Shipmate Keith Foster, who had raised the money for the branch.

Congleton Borough Council has recently adopted the submarine HMS Conqueror. News of the adoption was welcomed by Congleton branch which hopes to establish links with the submarine.



Dedicated to Australia

IT WAS a great occasion for shipmates of Perth and Western Australia's Royal Naval Association when their standard was dedicated on board HMS Edinburgh during the ship's visit down under.

Pictured presenting the standard is Shipmate Rawe, the branch secretary.

Celebrations

The Association was well represented at the recent Australian Bicentennial celebrations when Shipmates Syd Shilling of Wear and Bob Hebditch of Wells branches paraded their standards in Sydney and Melbourne leading the parade at Remembrance services.

They thank all who made their visit a memorable one, especially Shipmate Jim Seager and his wife, of New South Wales branch, Shipmate Jim Rayner of Melbourne Royal Australian Naval Association and Ralph Marshall, PC28, Yarra Mees FOS.

Time for dinner

MAYOR and Mayoress of Tunbridge Wells — Shipmate Cllr. Arthur Sayer and his wife — had a pleasant surprise when they were guests of honour at Tunbridge Wells branch Trafalgar dinner dance.

The branch chairman, Shipmate Tom Greenwood, presented the Mayor with a £100 cheque for his charity — the Leukaemia Research Fund — and a further £200 cheque was presented to Shipmate Lieut.-Cdr. Paris Anderson, the branch president, for the association's Central Charities Fund.

At Bishops Stortford annual dinner the branch chairman, Shipmate Alan Kendell was honoured with life membership for service to the branch. There was honour too for Shipmate Hilary Francis who received the Eric Taylor trophy. The trophy, a silver tankard, was donated by Mrs Pat Taylor in memory of her late husband, an active member of the branch for many years. It will be awarded annually for outstanding service.

Ye Old Plough House Motel at Bulphan, was the setting for an enjoyable dinner dance organised by Brentwood at which the guests of honour, Shipmate Jack Needle, president No 5 Area, and his wife, were piped aboard by local Sea Cadets. The following morning members paraded for the presentation of Colours to the Brentwood Sea Cadet Corps by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex.

The Colours were donated by the Brentwood branch.

Members of Portsea branch plan to hold their sixth anniversary St Valentine's banquet and ball on February 18 (1900 for 1930), at the Royal Sailors' Home Club, Portsmouth. Tickets, £12.50, can be obtained from the Secretary of the Home Club.

ARTHUR - AN INSPIRATION

His friends in No. 4 Area and particularly in the Plymouth branch where he served as standard bearer, mourn the loss of Shipmate Arthur Dudley, former Colour Sergeant Royal Marines. His sense of duty and dedication to the branch was an inspiration to all. To his daughters, Karen and Lynne, who have lost both parents within 18 months, the branch sends sympathy.

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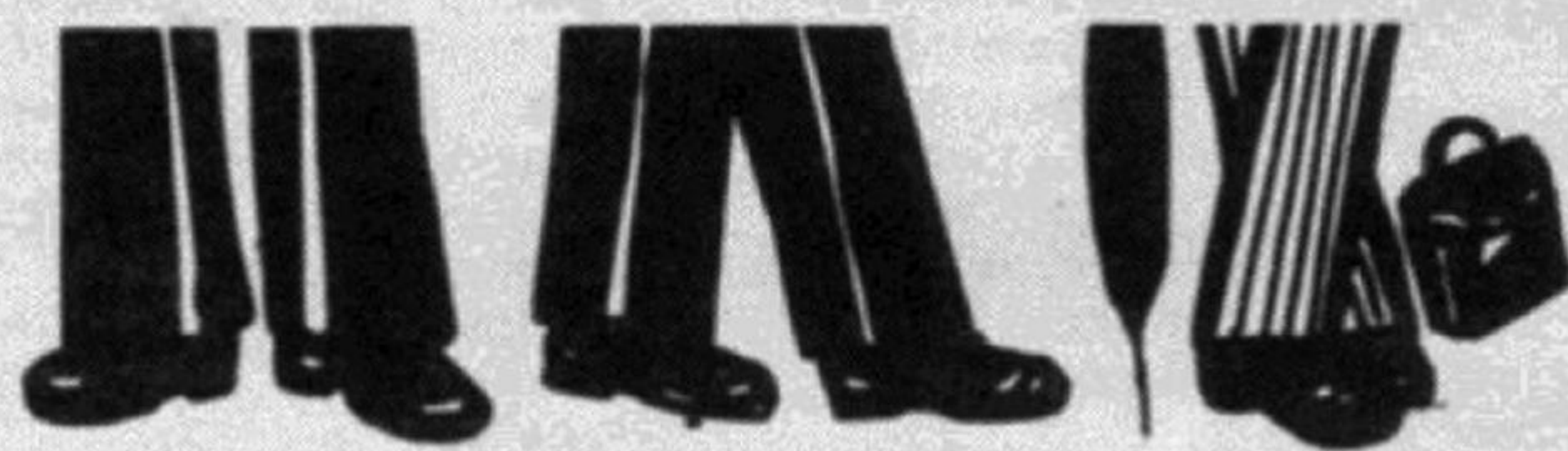
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MEMBERS of the ship's company of HMS Illustrious (pictured right) got nowhere fast on a sponsored bicycle ride — a 30-strong team clocked up 7,200 miles on exercise-bikes set up on deck.

Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham's Scanner Appeal and the Portsmouth branch of the NSPCC will share the £1,500 proceeds of the ride.

The event, organised by the Air Engineering Department and led by LAEM(M) Graham Evitt, involved pedalling for 24 hours a day for 15 days, and was held during the ship's passage from Portsmouth to Mayport in Florida.

Eight days' trekking the squelchy tracks of the West Highland Way earned it the new name of the Wet Highland Wade from six Fleet Engineering Centre ratings.

WO Mike Gent, CPO Ray Hambly, CCPO Alan "Rowdy" Yates, CPO Paul Dunbar, PO Tony Addyman and LMEM(M) Gordon "Robby" Robinson, based at Rosyth, had the consolation of knowing that their efforts had raised £900 for charity.

Come Out and Play, a group which helps mentally handi-

capped children in the Dunfermline area of Fife, benefited by £400 sponsorship money received from Mike Gent, and £500 was netted by Ray Hambly for St. Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh.

Rosyth took advantage of a Scottish holiday — and supported six cyclists from HMS Anglesey who were making a sponsored bike ride to Holyhead on the Isle of Anglesey.

The 400-mile journey — begun on a Monday and finished by Saturday — raised £800 which has been divided equally between the Ysgol y Bont School for the handicapped in Holyhead, and the Muscular Dystrophy Group.

Children from the Dame Hannah Rodgers School for the Disabled at Ivybridge were invited to HMS Cambridge in Plymouth for the most important pre-Christmas task — the annual Christmas pudding mix-



Picture: LA(Phot) Harvey, HMS Illustrious

ing ceremony.

The visitors' hard work was rewarded with a tea comprising sticky buns, jelly and ice cream, after which commanding officer, Cdr. Christopher Morgan presented the school's headmaster with a cheque for £300 — the proceeds of a charity ball held during Armada 400 celebrations.

HMS Campbelltown's Liverpool draw scored a goal of over £800 for local charities. A raffle, organised by CPOMEA(H) Paul Lee, had an officially engraved No. 1 Campbelltown Zippo lighter as the prize.

Liverpool's Radio City DJ Tony Snell made the draw, with profits going to charities in the Birkenhead area.

Doggone it!

COMMITTEE and members of the New Galaxy Club, HMS Warrior in Northwood held special functions to raise money for charity — and Galaxy the guide dog is to be a living reminder of their generosity.

Donations topped up the profits to £1,000, a cheque for which was received by senior appeals manager for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Mr. John Bailey, who took his own guide dog along to meet the committee members of the club.

The money will enable the Association to purchase and

train a guide dog who will bear the name which reflects not only the club's name but also its members' fund-raising efforts.

Fisgard Squadron at HMS Raleigh is blazing a trail to help the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association — every term the squadron raises enough money to purchase a dog, and close ties have developed between the apprentices and the Car-biele Inn pub.

This term's dogged efforts have raised more funds, with the pub donating £100 to boost the next purchase.

Harefield's fund aided as hundreds join races

MORE than 300 adults and 120 children, some in fancy dress, ran in the 5km and 2km races hosted by HMS Sultan in memory of Becci Tarrant.

Becci died at the age of three before she could have a heart and lung transplant and her parents, ex-POWTR Vic Tarrant and his wife Sue, set up a fund in her name for Harefield Hospital.

Entry

The fund-raising races brought in £849 in entry fees alone, but the full amount will not be known for some months.

The oldest participant was a 92-year-old, who was pushed around the 5km course in his wheelchair. The youngest racer was just seven months old and completed the 2km course by pushchair.

Enjoyable

It was an enjoyable day for runners and spectators alike. Prizes were presented by Cllr. Mrs Ellis, deputy mayor, and the commanding officer of HMS Sultan, Capt. Terry Meadows, and his wife.

Vic and Sue thanked members of the organising committee, everyone who took part, and those who donated prizes. Special thanks went to the Nationwide Anglia Building Society and to HMS Sultan.

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The Royal New Zealand Navy is currently seeking to recruit additional pilots to fly the WASP helicopter and its successor from RNZN Leander class frigates, the replenishment tanker (HMNZS ENDEAVOUR) and the hydrographic survey ship (HMNZS MONOWAI).

The RNZN currently operates seven Wasps and planning is well underway to replace these helicopters in the early 1990s with a twin engine ASW helicopter. Types being evaluated include the LYNX, DAUPHIN, SEASPRITE and SEAHAWK. Plans are also in hand to acquire a Logistic Support Ship for operations and disaster relief in New Zealand's area of responsibility in the South West Pacific. This ship will probably carry two medium lift helicopters in the utility role.

Pilots: Pilots must be experienced in ship-borne helicopter operations and hold or have held a GREEN Instrument Rating. Qualification or previous experience on the WASP is not essential.

Observers: The new ASW helicopter will require an Observer and applications, or registrations of interest, from Observers for employment in the RNZN would be welcome. Although most vacancies will not be available until two or three years' time, there is a need now for a very small number of suitably experienced small ship ASW helicopter Observers with some MOD experience, to assist with the evaluation and configuring of the replacement helicopter.

Conditions of Employment: Depending on age at entry, successful applicants will either be employed on a "full career" or "fixed contract" basis. Costs of air fares for the applicant and his immediate family, and a contribution towards removal of household effects will normally be paid by the New Zealand Government. Pilots (and Observers) will generally be based in Auckland and will be required to serve afloat and ashore. Pay and allowances (including flying pay) will be at RNZN rates (which are currently subject to a major Pay Review) and normal medical and dental facilities will be provided.

Application: Applications for employment in the RNZN, from personnel about to retire from the RN, should be made initially to the New Zealand Defence Liaison Staff in London addressed to:

HEAD, NZDLS
NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION
HAYMARKET
LONDON SW1Y 4TQ

Applicants who meet RNZN requirements will be interviewed by RNZN personnel in London. They will subsequently have to satisfy the New Zealand Department of Labour's Immigration rules prior to being made a firm job offer.



SULTAN OF OMAN'S NAVY

Weapon Engineers

(Rank of Warrant Officer)

The Sultan of Oman's Navy is one of the most advanced and effective Navies for its size in the world. It operates in the strategic Strait of Hormuz and patrols around Oman's 1,100 mile coastline. It is equipped with missile armed fast attack craft with computerised weapons systems. At its recently opened Naval Base the Fleet Maintenance Facility now have the following vacancies for personnel recently completed, or about to complete, service in the Royal Navy.

Hydraulic/Ordnance Engineers

CCWEA/WEA's (OC) with a good knowledge of hydraulic power and control systems with, if possible, experience of Oto Melara 76mm Compact Gun Mounting and 20mm GAMBOI.

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SEVENS TRIUMPH

TEAMS from four Royal Navy ships serving in the Gulf entered the prestigious Dubai Exiles International Rugby Sevens tournament, which attracted top players from all over the Middle East.

Cheered on by Navy personnel and a large Middle East crowd, HMS Boxer won the Open Championship and the Benson and Hedges Silver Khanjar Trophy.

Teams from HM ships Brazen, Herald and Chiddingfold also competed. The Brazen seven won the Pickfords Dhov Trophy, the Herald reached the quarter finals and the Chiddingfold, a very small ship, got through to the semis.

Pictured is the triumphant Boxer team. Back row from left, LPT Dave Concannon, LWEA Taff Evans, AB Tom Sidey, LSEA Sticky Hirst and AB Mick Bartlett. Front, POMEM Dallas Chisholm, POCA Bambi Greaves and ROT Paddy Estler.

Picture: LA(Phot) Pete Arnold



WRNS runners-up for national title

HMS Cochrane hosted this year's Royal Navy Biathlon Championships, in which 32 athletes representing 12 ships and establishments competed.

The swimming event was won by Mnc. Dey (45 Commando), with LAEM Thomas just two seconds down on him. Wren Dobson (Osprey) was the fastest lady in the pool.

The afternoon saw the runners starting at one minute intervals and recording fast times. LPT Wood (Exeter) made the fastest run and Sub-Lieut. R. Saynor (Cochrane) chased hard to take second place. Dey was the last runner to start and put in a very good effort to hold off the opposition and win.

In the ladies race, Wren Dobson did just enough to keep

Wren Davies (Dryad) at bay. LWPT Cooke (Nelson) also put in an exceptionally good run.

Overall results: 1, Dey 2363 points; 2, POPT Flaherty (Osprey) 2260. Fleet champion: LPT Wood 2229. WRNS: 1, Dobson 1714; 2, Davies 1558. Mens teams: 1, HMS Osprey A; 2, 45 Commando. Womens teams: 1, HMS Dryad; 2, HMS Osprey. Fleet: 1, HMS Exeter; 2, Commodore Mine Warfare.

The National Biathlon Championships saw the Royal Navy entry in fine form, with the WRNS team coming

second overall. Individual placings were: 11, Dobson; 12, LWEA Gent (Heron) and 18, Wren Richardson (Osprey).

Top quality opposition in the mens event meant an exciting competition and the Navy men did well to finish fourth. Capt. Heatly (RM Eastney) came twelfth, POPT Flaherty was twentieth and POPT Boon (Nelson) was four places behind him.

In the 19 and under mens event Wtr. Rose (Osprey) finished an impressive sixth in a very strong field.

No backer found — so RN yacht abandoned

NAVY hopes of success in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race are now pinned on a Combined Services entry, managed by the Army.

The central committee of the Royal Navy Sailing Association announced its decision to withdraw from the running after a suitable sponsor failed to come forward. There is now insufficient time to mount a safe, seaman-like and professionally sound challenge for the race, which begins in September.

But some of the RN personnel who would have crewed the entry have been invited to join the crew of the Combined Services entry instead. Although sponsorship is still to be sought for this yacht, underwriting by a London-based financier means she will sail.

She is due to be launched next month.

42 Commando dominate RN rugby final

PLYMOUTH-based 42 Commando can rightfully claim to be the premier side among all the Royal Navy and Royal Marines rugby teams, winning through to their second successive RNRU KO Cup Final and becoming the first team ever to retain the Pusser's Rum Challenge Cup.

The final was itself unique; with 45 Commando from Arbroath the other team, the event was for the first time an all Royal Marines affair, writes Lieut.-Cdr. John Clark.

There was no lack of guts, determination or commitment on either side, but 42 Commando proved to be stronger in every area, amassing 38 points from five tries and three goals, to a single 45 Commando penalty.

This impressive win was based on the performance of the whole team. The pack, with a back row of Cpl. M. Hewitt, Sgt. R. Tinson and Lieut. C. Palmer, who had an outstanding game, dominated throughout.

The second row, clearly unaware of the traditional role of locks as donkeys of the pack, appeared everywhere. With Mnc Bob Armstrong scoring three times and Mnc. P. Hamber once, they notched up half of the tries scored.

Not to be outdone, the backs, with so much quality ball and time to use it, ran in four tries through Sgt. S. Parkin, Sgt. P. O'Flynn, Mnc. J. Mayne and Mnc. A. Nicholson.

Clearly the run of play was one sided but 45 never gave up and with as much spirit in defence as 42 showed flair in attack, they made a game of it.

Navy v Hampshire

Just a week after scoring three tries for 42, second row player Armstrong was scoring again, this time for the full Navy side in the match against Hampshire.

A disastrous end to the 87/88 season and an emphatic defeat by Cornwall at the start of this, left the RN hungry for a good win on which to base the post-

Christmas run-up to the Inter-Service Championship.

Cdr. Chris Tuffley, the new selector, fielded a young, experimental side, many of whom had not worn a Navy shirt before, and was rewarded with a resounding 33-8 win.

Hampshire drew heavily on the Havant side and with so many players experienced at playing together should have been able to contain the Navy, but with PO Andy Kellett, revelling at being back in a Navy shirt, and WEA Ian Fletcher carving holes in the centre, supported by a fit, fast pack, the Navy side ran riot.

In addition to Armstrong's try, Fletcher collected two and right wing PO Eddie Over and flanker WEA Mark Sheldon one apiece. Conversions and penalties from WEM Stan Matthews also added to the healthy victory.

Much work has yet to be done to knit this Navy side into a championship winning team, but on this performance it is set fair to regain the Willis Faber Trophy from the Army at Twickenham on March 11.

Ark Royal

When HMS Ark Royal visited Freemantle on Australia's west coast, her rugby team played a fixture against ARK's RUFC of Perth — in full, Armadale, Royston and Kelmscott club.

To commemorate the fixture there was an exchange of gifts. The Ark Royal Rugby Club presented the host side with a framed club jumper — an unusual gift, but one we are told that was enthusiastically received. In return, the Ark Royal received a splendid silver salver.

MAJOR TAKES SQUASH TROPHY AGAIN

HOSTED by the Royal Navy, this year's Combined Services Individual Squash Championships were held at Farnham.

The Navy fielded a strong contingent for all three categories of the competition. Cdr. Robin Bawtree (MOD) was second in the veterans event, Lieut. Stewart James (RMCTC) was third in the open and Wtr. Jason Youdale came fifth in the under-25s.

Lieut. Ian Lockwood (Centurion) finished ninth out of 16 and he and James were selected for the Combined Services match against the Jesters.

Last year's champion, the Army's Maj. Robinson, flew home from Hong Kong to defend his title and proved to be in a strong and determined mood. In the final of the open he met Sgt. Dave Clarke RAF and eventually saw him off 9-0, 6-9, 10-8, 9-4; a skilful and hard-played match.

Capt. Malcolm Rutherford (Collingwood), the RNSRA chairman, made the final speeches and Mr Jerry Gardner from Digital Equipment, the sponsors, presented the trophies.

Navy angles with poise

PRINCES Parade, Hythe, near Folkestone, was the scene of the 1988 Inter-Service Sea-Angling Championships and the Royal Navy retained both the team and individual awards, writes RPO Trevor Sutch.

CPOMEA Duncan Mackay (Neptune) was the individual winner and the Navy team beat the Army team by 88 points and the RAF by 112. This is the second Inter-Service Sea Angling Championship won by the RNRMAA this year and the third in a row for the sea anglers.

With two Scottish internationals — Mackay and his Neptune colleague, POMEM Billy Buchan — and a potential England international — CPOAEA Pete Hegg (Daedalus) — the Association's standard is extremely high.

All the anglers had to work very hard for the fish that were around. At the weigh-in, however, the RN anglers showed their class as 13 members of the 20-member team brought fish to the scales. In the Army camp only six anglers had caught, whilst the RAF brought up the rear again with just four anglers weighing-in.

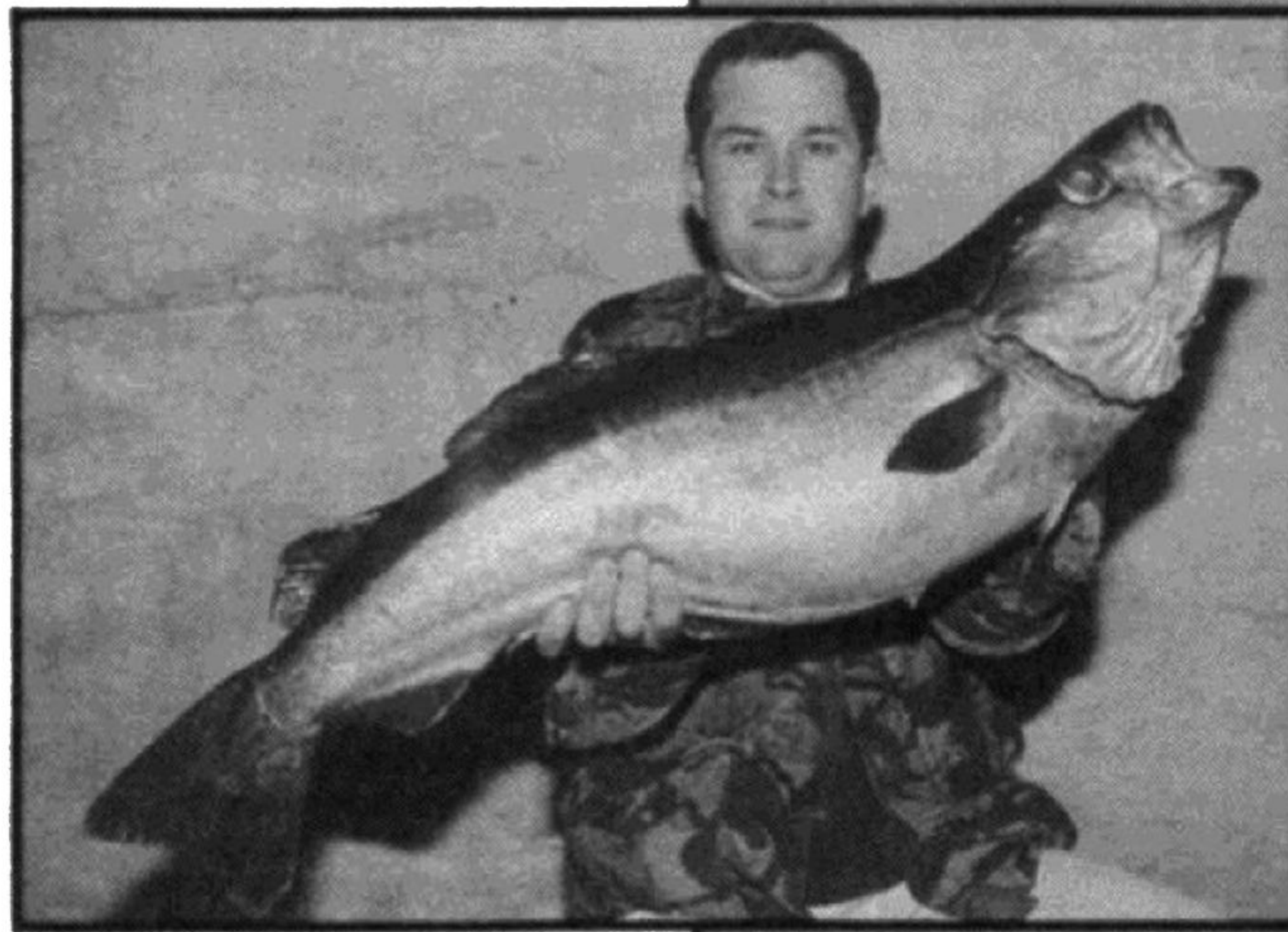
Indeed, it was a best ever for the RN team, which comprised: Mackay, Buchan, CPOMEA

Ron Gorum (Neptune); CPOWtr. Phil Lambert, CMEM Jim Steptoe, LMEA Mark Atkinson (HMS Sultan); CPOAEA Tony Chamberlain, CPOAEM Steven James, AEM Iain Heath (Seahawk); WO2 Keith Harrison (Centurion); CPOWtr. Ian Freegard (Dolphin), CSgt. Joe Payne (Commando Logistics Regiment); WOMA John Riggall (Drake); Bugler Stephen Biddle (RM School of Music); CPOMA Cal Fell (HMSM Churchill); LSA Mick Corran (HMSM Oracle); Cpl. Gary Austin (45 Commando); Ck Cliff Newbold (Nelson); LAEM Trevor Osborne (Daedalus) and AEM Nigel Thorpe (Osprey).

● Anglers of the RNRMAA must be some of the Navy's most successful sportsmen at present, with the Shore Championship only confirming recent winning form.

Some credit must go to Trevor Sutch, who, as team manager, selected the teams and provided the right coverage of anglers, leading to victory.

What a whopper



DEMONSTRATING how he came to swallow the hook is a 20lb 12oz reef pollock, caught by Lieut. Philip Mathias from the Hands Deeps Reef off the Cornish coast.

Offshore wreck fishing is one of Phil's favourite past-times, when he isn't busy himself beneath the waves. He has just passed the tough "Perisher" course and taken command of patrol submarine HMS Otus.

But it was Roger McDougall who was skipping the Plymouth boat Trio when the pollock was pulled aboard.

Picture: Mike Millman, Plymouth

Splash!

ROYAL Navy swimmers acquitted themselves well when they met Poole Dolphins and Weyport Swimming Club in an invitation gala at HMS Osprey.

Results were as follows — Men: 1, Royal Navy 152 points; 2, Weyport 94; 3, Poole 85. Women: 1, RN 97; 2, Weyport 93; 3, Poole 82. Combined: 1, RN 249; 2, Weyport 187 and 3, Poole 167.

WATER POLO HOPES ARRESTED BY MET.

ONE of six teams taking part in the prestigious President's Scroll Water Polo Tournament, the Royal Navy squad began badly losing to Brighton 6-3 and drawing 2-2 with Runnymede.

In the play-off the Navy were drawn against Kingston, winners of the other league. It was a thrilling game, going to extra time, and resulting in a 9-8 win to the RN on penalties.

The final produced seven goals: unfortunately six of them

were scored by the Metropolitan Police to the Navy's one!

The RN team comprised Captain Rob Heatly, CPOPT Alan Carlisle, POPT Mick Flaherty, LPT Graham Jones, CPO Tony Atkinson and Lieut. Paul Edwards.

Crushing win for Marines

THERE was an enthusiastic response to the new Royal Navy Novice Plate Competition, designed to encourage losers from the novice championship to carry on boxing and give an opportunity to shine for those not picked for the championships.

Fifteen preliminary and semi-final bouts provided an entertaining evening's boxing at HMS Nelson. Bout of the night came in the light welterweight final in which Mne. Hale (RM) beat AB Ellis (Plymouth) and earned himself the Best Boxer title.

Another prospect in the making was AEM A. Shields (Daedalus), who survived a hard first round to subdue game Mne. Calvert-Garner (RM) in the second.

The Royal Marines once again crushed the opposition to prove that after their win in the

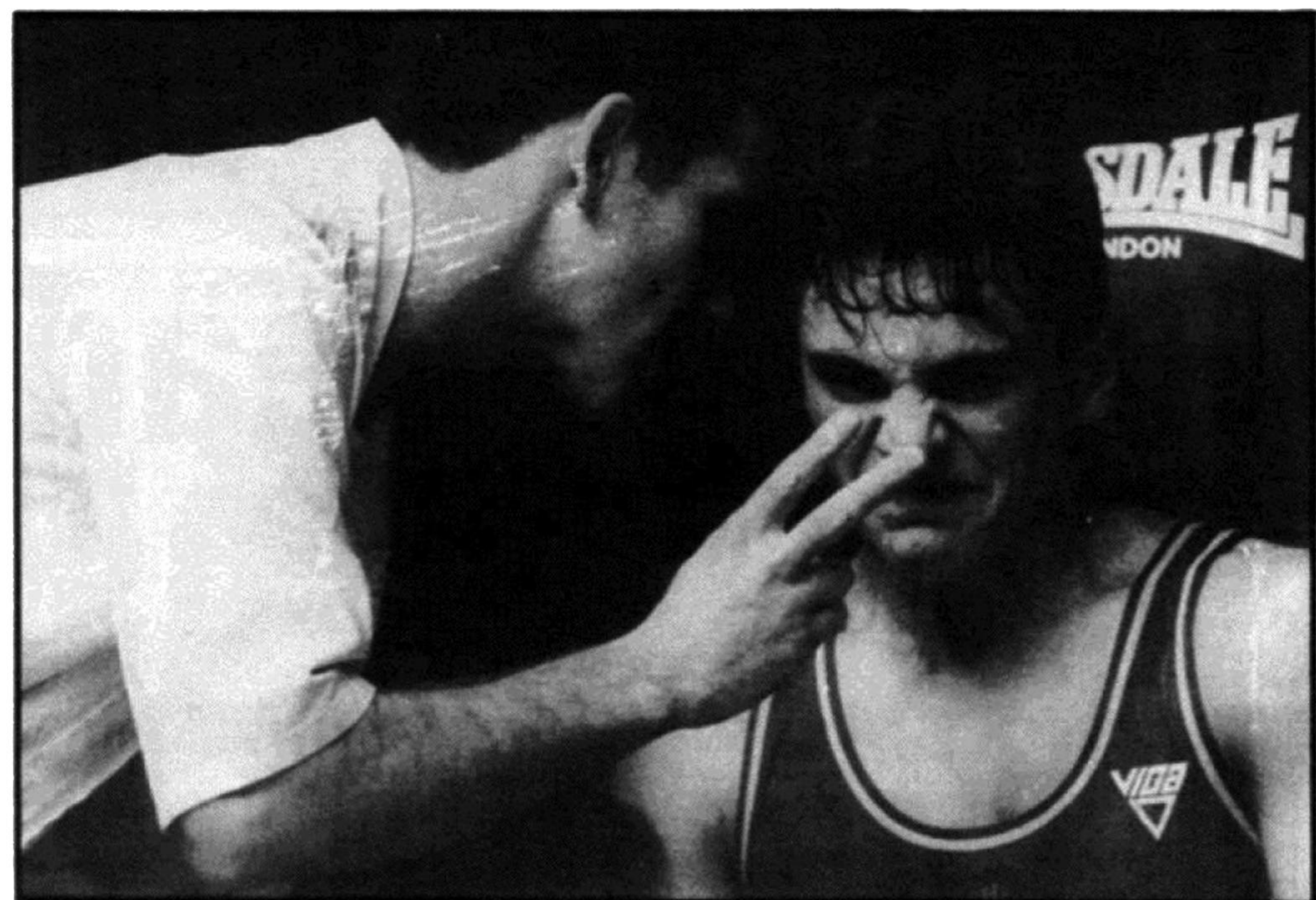
RN Novice Championships they still have strength in depth. Points were as follows: RN 31, Portsmouth 7, Plymouth 7, Naval Air Command 6 and Scotland 0.

Results of the finals in the RN Novices Plate Competition were as follows: Featherweight: Mne. Tyres (RM) won by a walkover. Lightweight: Mne. Jones (RM) beat NA Slater (Naval Air Command), when the referee stopped the contest in the first. Light welterweight: Mne. Hale (RM) beat AB Ellis (Plymouth), points unanimous. Special welterweight: MEM Lemacq (Portsmouth) beat LMEM Harvey (Plymouth) on majority points. Welterweight: Mne. Gibson (RM) beat Mne. Gilligan (RM) by a walkover due to an arm injury. Special light middleweight: SA Clarke (Naval Air Command) knocked out

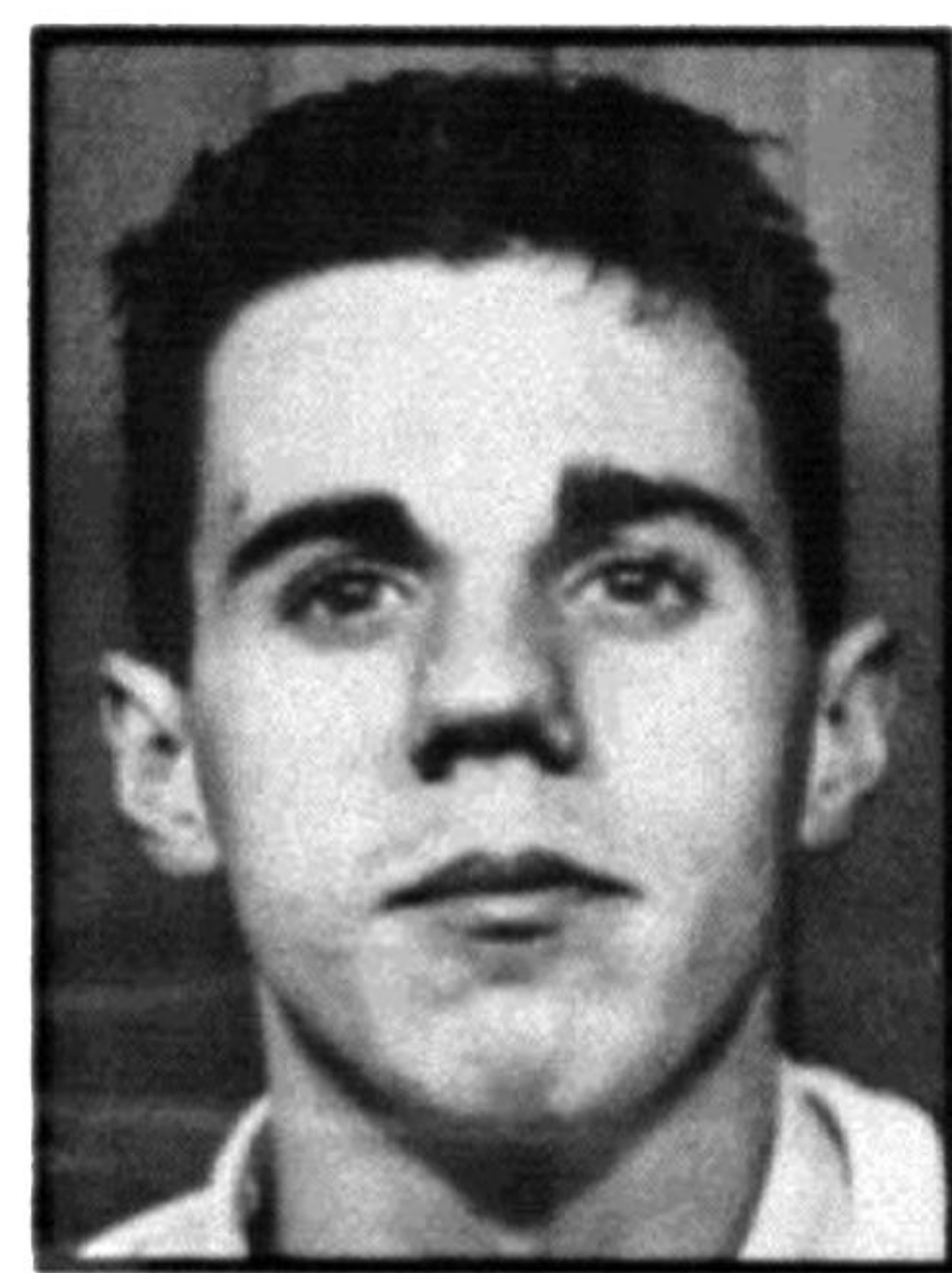
MEM Paterson (Portsmouth) in the third round. Light middleweight: Mne. Sanderson (RM) beat Mne. Lilley (RM), points unanimous. Middleweight: Mne. O. Welsh (RM) beat S(R) Barber (Plymouth), points unanimous. Light heavyweight: LMEA M. Atkinson (Portsmouth) beat MEM McCleod (Plymouth), points unanimous. Super heavyweight: Mne. Bonham (RM) won by a walkover. Heavyweight: AEM A. Shields (Naval Air Command) beat Mne. Calvert-Garner (RM). Referee stopped contest in the second.

RIGHT: "A word in your shell-like..." Mne. Dave Welsh didn't seem to like what he heard, but he went on to win the RN Novice Plate middleweight final.

Picture: Lieut.-Cdr. Nigel Huxtable



BOXERS' BOUT OF HISTORY



Mne. Tom McPhee

A PAIR of young Navy boxers could have made RN boxing history by reaching the finals of the "C" class National Association of Boys Clubs championships.

RN coach Sgt. Leo Toms believes it may be the first time two Navy boxers have reached this stage of the competition in the same year.

Mnes. Tom McPhee (45 Commando) and Gary Grounds (42 Commando) won their way through with superb points wins. In his bout with David Docherty of West Ham, McPhee frustrated his oppo-

nent with crisp counter-punching throughout the first two rounds. He then turned on the power in the final round and it was obvious there could be only one winner.

In contrast to McPhee, Grounds went forward all the way and looked to have beaten Steven Mitchell of Eltham convincingly, but was awarded only a majority points win.



Mne. Gary Grounds

Ringside round up

BLETCHLEY Leisure Centre was the setting for Mne. Mark Edwards to gain his second cap for England. Boxing behind an educated jab, he took an unanimous points decision over J. Franek of Czechoslovakia.

Another good win by Mark considering Franek was a world junior champion two years ago.

An invitation at short notice to box against Northern Counties at Barrow-in-Furness was accepted by the Navy after an arranged fixture with Home Counties fell through.

A team of ten made the journey north but disappointingly only four boxed. Bantamweight Dale Randle (Nelson) was the star of the show with a busy and sparkling display of boxing skills against G. Breakwell, last season ranked number 12 in the featherweight division.

S. Goodwin (Com G.P. RM) boxed on the retreat against A. Cottam, a very experienced campaigner, and took a much-deserved unanimous decision.

Two newcomers to the squad had mixed fortunes on their debuts for the RN. Wtr Ian Cummings (Nelson) had to work hard to earn his unanimous decision after forcing G. Wilson to take two counts in the second round.

Heavyweight AB(R) Vic Little was unfortunate to meet the very promising C. Bowen-Price and after being downed in the first was finally rescued by the referee in the second round.

HMS Sultan's boxers were looking for revenge in their annual fixture against Oxford University Boxing Club and were not to be disappointed.

A number of special bouts made up the programme and boxers from Gosport ABC and Aldershot gave the young men from Sultan a hard test and the enthusiastic crowd much to cheer.

Sultan had three spectacular first round victories, at featherweight, middleweight and light heavyweight.

The best bout of the evening was between the extremely tall and awkward Oxford lightweight Gillralarocca and the diminutive MEA Russo. The

Oxford man pushed forward in a loping and gangling style to be countered by a solid but rather static Russo.

The second and third rounds continued the same with both men tiring, naturally. Despite a rather severe warning for using the head, Gillralarocca held on to take a unanimous decision. But Russo fully deserved the Best Loser award. Sultan won the competition 3-2.

Mne. Bill Reid was adjudged the most stylish boxer of the evening when the Royal Navy took on an amateur Warwickshire side and won 5-3.

It was head to head battling all the way for Reid in his fight against Birmingham boxer G. Osborne. Only Reid's superior fitness and style gave him revenge against the man who beat him last year at the same venue.

Another RN boxer to turn in his best performance of the season was Mne. Gregg Johnson, who fought local boy Kevin Kearney and boxed behind a good left jab to win well. Mne. Steve Goodwin also boxed well to win by a knockout in the first, but in doing so he broke his hand and put himself out of competition for a month.

NABC finalists Mnes. Tom McPhee and Gary Grounds both won well to keep their winning runs intact, but Mne. Steve Fulthorpe, the CSBA light heavyweight champion, who took on heavyweight A. Smith, found the contest a little bit too much for him and dropped a disputed points decision.

Mne. Andy Ellison was unfortunate in his bout to bump heads with his opponent and sustained a nasty cut, forcing the Navy coach to retire him. And there was bitter disappointment for Mne. Tom Harris who was stopped in the second by C. Smith, a Welsh protege surely destined to become a Welsh international this season.

Slow start in the volleyball

NATIONAL League Division 3 volleyball saw the Royal Navy men get off to a shaky start at Bristol when they met the relegated Division 2 side Speedwell.

The Navy began well, going ahead 8-1, but Speedwell eventually regained their form to win a gruelling set 18-16. The RN could not stem Speedwell's advance in the following two sets although they fought valiantly to the end under the leadership of CPOAEA(M) Mick Rignall.

The RN's next match was against Sussex Nomads and although the Navy gained a set, the Sussex side took the match 3-1. LAEM(R) Paul Cronin made his league debut during the match and gave an inspiring performance, showing the potential to hold down a place as a regular setter.

At home at HMS Temeraire the Navy took on the London side Malory and Cardiff. RN narrowly lost the first set to Malory along with their confidence and the Londoners took the next two sets with ease to take a 3-0 victory.

With three games played and three lost the Navy entered the match against Cardiff with determination and pulled off a 3-1 win. There were notable performances from "resident Canadian" Capt. Shane Coveny and Cpl. Stu Gibbs.

RUNNING INTO THE PLACINGS

THIRTEEN Navy runners turned out for the cross-country match at Tweseldown, second match of the season in the Hampshire League. The RNAC finished third on 163 points, behind local team Aldershot on 29 and Southampton on 94.

PO Richi Heseldene (HMS Osprey), back from injury, led the team home in 19th position in a time of 29.01. The next four Navy athletes home were 26, PO Mark Grady (HMS Gloucester) 29.17; 33, LPT Steve Stretch (HMS Juno) 29.41; 41, LAEM Gripper Dunn (HMS Osprey) 30.03; and 44, Lieut.-Cdr. Simon Sheard (HMS Daedalus) 30.17.

RNAC went one better to finish equal second in a close match at Plymouth in the

Westward League. Plymouth won with 35 points and the RNAC and Torbay followed, each on 53.

Nineteen runners turned out for the Navy and they were led home by Cpl. Dave Neal (Commando Logistics Regiment), who finished third, not far behind the leaders. The next four Navy athletes home were: 11, Cpl. Chris Cook (Cdo. Log. Reg.); 12, Mick St. John (Plym-

outh); 13, Mne. Chris Ray (Cdo. Log. Reg.) and 14, Sgt. Terry Pears (RM Lympstone).

Royal Navy Women entered a team in the Whiteknights 3x1 1/4 mile relay competition at Reading University and came a very creditable fourth in a field of 26 trios. The RN runners were CWPT Nula Atkey, POWren Sue Freeman and LWPT Cathy Corbett.

Cresta the wave

MEMBERS of the Royal Navy Cresta Team are on the crest of a wave at present and looking to continue their impressive run of wins when they compete in the Inter-Services Cresta Championships on February 1.

Last year's victory crowned three seasons of resounding and record-breaking success from 1986 to 1988. The Navy men have been greatly helped by sponsorship of over £4,500 from Save and Prosper — some of which has already been used for up-grading out-dated equipment. Thanks also go to the commands, ships and establishments which have come up with donations ranging from £10 to £400.

New badminton talent spotted

A HARD-fought but sporting tournament saw Portsmouth coming out on top in the Inter-Command Badminton Championships played at HMS Sultan.

They narrowly beat Devonport into second place (42 points to 37) and were followed by the Royal Marines in third place and the Fleet Air Arm in fourth.

The Portsmouth side contained several Combined Services and Navy players, but the previously untried, young Devonport team pushed them all the way.

In the singles, Sub-Lieut. Simon Gregory (Devonport) won all eight of his games comfortably and looks set to dominate the Navy badminton scene for some time to come. MEM Craig Shore (Devonport) and Sub-Lieut. Andy Chamberlain (Portsmouth) both excelled, each winning seven out of eight games.

The doubles matches saw the experienced Portsmouth duo of CPO Archie Freedburn and Lieut.-Cdr. Geoff Rowlands win all of their 12 games.

MEM Ian Shore and Sub-Lieut. David Hill, the new Devonport pair, looked good, winning 11 out of 12, and the veteran partnership of CPO Richard Wiseman and LPT Pete Smale proved still effective, picking up 10 games for Portsmouth.

Special awards for determination and sportsmanship were made to LMEM Jan Kingston, LSEA John Wright and MEM Craig Shore, all Devonport.

TALKING BOOKS

EACH year a charity called Talking Books for the Handicapped and Hospital Patients is among those trying to attract people to run on its behalf in the London Marathon.

The group makes the pleasure of "reading" available to thousands of people unable to cope with books.

Anyone selected to run in the

marathon and searching for a worthy cause can contact the Library at 12 Lant Street, London SE1 1QH. Telephone 01-407 9417.

SOUTHAMPTON GETS A LIFT

IN THE Solent, HMS Southampton is cradled by the Mighty Servant 1 on which she had "hitched" a lift from the Middle East after being badly damaged in a collision with a large container ship.

Later in the unusual homecoming procedure the Dutch heavy-lift vessel was partially submerged to allow the Southampton to refloat, before tugs

towed her into Portsmouth naval base. A decision was still awaited on repair and refit work for the destroyer.

After the collision the expertise required to recover the ship, in damage control, diving and seamanship was considerable, reflecting well on those concerned. Included was the removal of both Tyne engines.

Picture: The News, Portsmouth.

Harriers head into the '90s

A CONTRACT worth £170 million has been awarded by the Ministry of Defence to British Aerospace to update the Royal Navy's Sea Harrier FRS1 air defence fighters.

With modifications of the aircraft due to start next October, the Sea Harriers will be equipped with Ferranti's Blue Vixen multi-mode fire-control radar and

have the ability to carry advanced medium-range air-to-air missiles. A selection of advanced navigation and self-protection avionics will also be included.

British Aerospace says the modifications to the Sea Harrier FRS1 — which played a crucial part in the Falklands war — will provide the aircraft with a beyond-visual-range multiple target engagement capability which meets the known maritime air threat for the 1990s and beyond.

Converted

Announcement of the UK's intention to go ahead with a Sea Harrier mid-life update programme was made in 1983, since when BAe has been working on the FRS2 programme.

The company has converted two Sea Harrier airframes to FRS2 standard and the first of these aircraft flew last autumn.

The flight test programme will continue at BAe's Dunsfold aerodrome, with the conversion work being carried out at Kingston and Dunsfold, supported by Brough, Humberside.

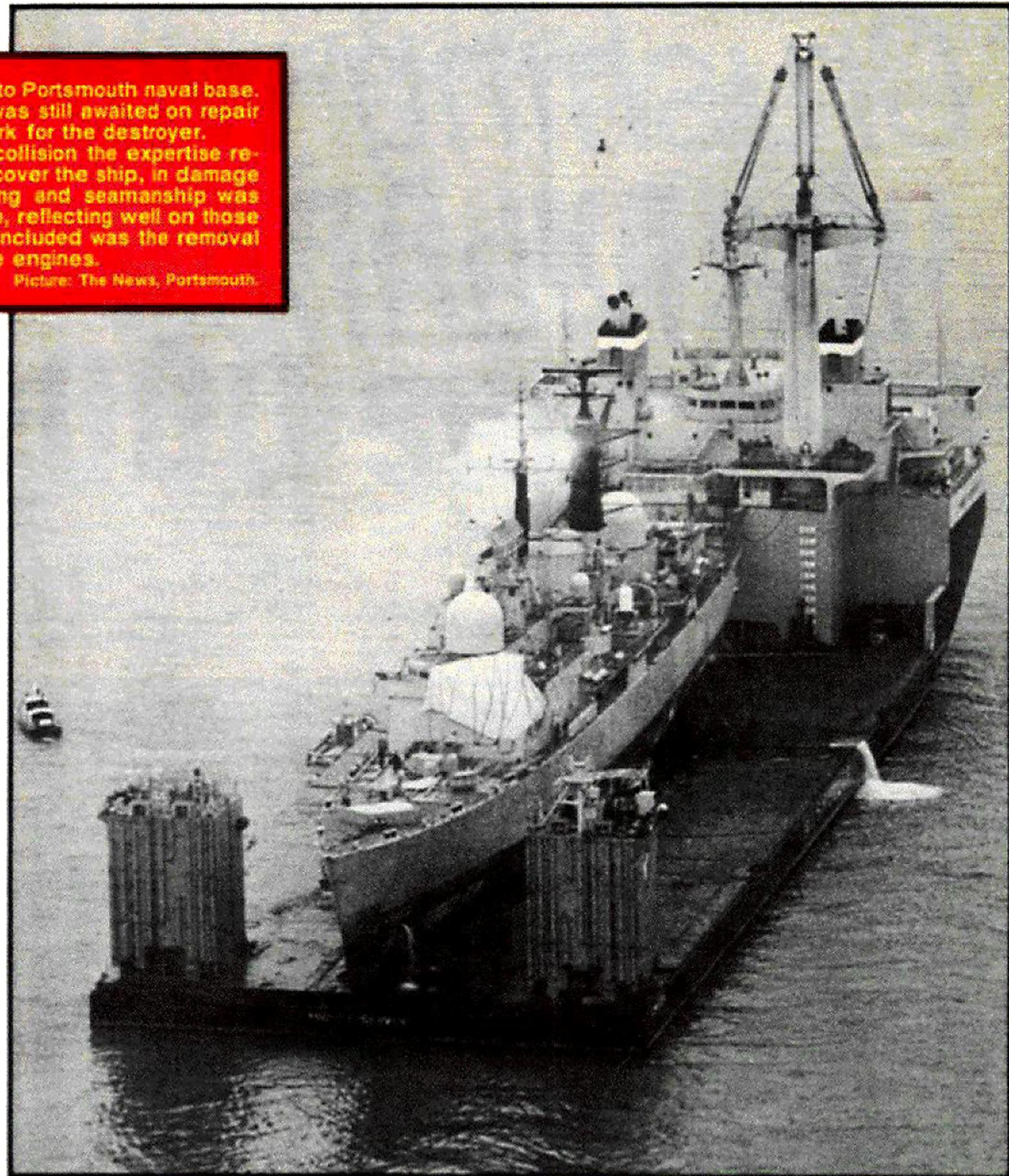
The first production Sea Harrier FRS2 is scheduled for delivery to the Royal Navy in the early 1990s.

Prince

● From front page

During his tour of the Fox the Prince talked with every member of the ship's company, and presented the LS and GCM to CCMEA Nigel Barnaby. In turn, a glass tankard was presented to him by LS(SEA) Mark Platt.

The Fox, now paying off after 20 years with the Surveying Flotilla, entered Devonport for the last time under the White Ensign on December 15.



Return of Iron Duke

WITH the first Type 23 frigate HMS Norfolk due to start sea trials in the New Year, names have now been announced for the fifth, sixth and seventh ships of this "Duke" class.

They are to be HM ships Iron Duke (after the 25,000-ton battleship which was Jellicoe's flagship at Jutland); Monmouth (a name used several times in RN history); and Montrose (remembered as a destroyer leader which saw much service in the Second World War).

Meanwhile, three earlier ships of the class, HM ships Argyle, Lancaster and Marlborough, are at various stages of building.

Jobs poll

● From front page

made, the next step will involve re-design of all AE career courses. Conversion courses would also have to be instituted to cross-train ratings, as needed, from the existing structure to the new one.

This extensive design task would take more than three years, so it is likely to be 1993 at the earliest before new career courses could be started in the Air Engineering School. Existing courses would be phased out as they ended.

Ratings already in the system would not be affected by any changes for some years.

Rail crash victim

WO2 Erroll P. Taylor, RM, was one of 34 people who died as a result of the rail disaster near Clapham Junction on the morning of December 12.

He joined the RN and RM Careers Service in 1986 after completing 22 years active service with the Royal Marines. At the time of the accident he was travelling on the Bournemouth train to London, where he was based with the Careers Service at State House, High Holborn.

WO Taylor, who was 41, was married with sons aged 14 and 11.

GUZZ DAYS MAKE TWO-WAY SWITCH

PLANS are afoot to revitalize this year's Navy Days at Plymouth with a switch of venue and a change of date from Late Summer Bank Holiday to a weekend in mid-summer.

Following a downward trend in attendance over recent years,

last year's figures slumped further. Security alerts, bad weather and proximity to the Armada 400 celebrations are believed to have accounted in some measure for the drastic reduction in numbers of people attending. Only 25,000-30,000 people visited on the three days — about a third of the previous

year's figure.

The new venue will concentrate the attractions into a smaller area along Weston Mill Lake jetty at the north end of the yard and on the approach road.

It means the loss of a flying display, although there will be many other attractions and static displays.

It is believed the public will appreciate the more compact site and, hopefully, the changed date. In addition, it is expected the new site will be more economical in terms of manpower and costs.

The dates chosen this year are July 28, 29 and 30.

Meanwhile, at Portsmouth there are no present plans for change, and the 1989 event is planned to go ahead over the late summer holiday as usual.

Nozzers: Where are you now?

THE successful television series Nozzers, depicting the life of recruits joining the Navy at HMS Raleigh, is to have a re-run, and at the same time a follow-up series is being planned.

The proposed "Where are they now?" sequel aims to show what young entrants who featured in the series are doing now.

Ratings who appeared are invited to contact the Public Relations Officer, HMS Raleigh, on Ext. 221 or 447.

Meanwhile, the repeat of the original series goes out in four parts on BBC2 at 1630 on January 11, 12, 18 and 19.

Disaster search by Sea Kings

SEA KINGS from HMS Gannet at Prestwick took part in the huge search operation which followed the major jumbo jet disaster at Lockerbie, Scotland, just before Christmas.

Two aircraft from 819 Squadron, and RAF aircraft from several areas, were among those which went to the scene on the night of the disaster.

In darkness one of the Navy Sea Kings worked on assessing the extent of the wide area over which wreckage was strewn, and also ferried police officers and others. The second brought medical teams from Glasgow to the disaster area.

With different crews, the aircraft returned to Lockerbie the following day to continue assessing the area by daylight. Duties included locating and recovery of bodies, pinpointing wreckage and recovering important items such as mail.

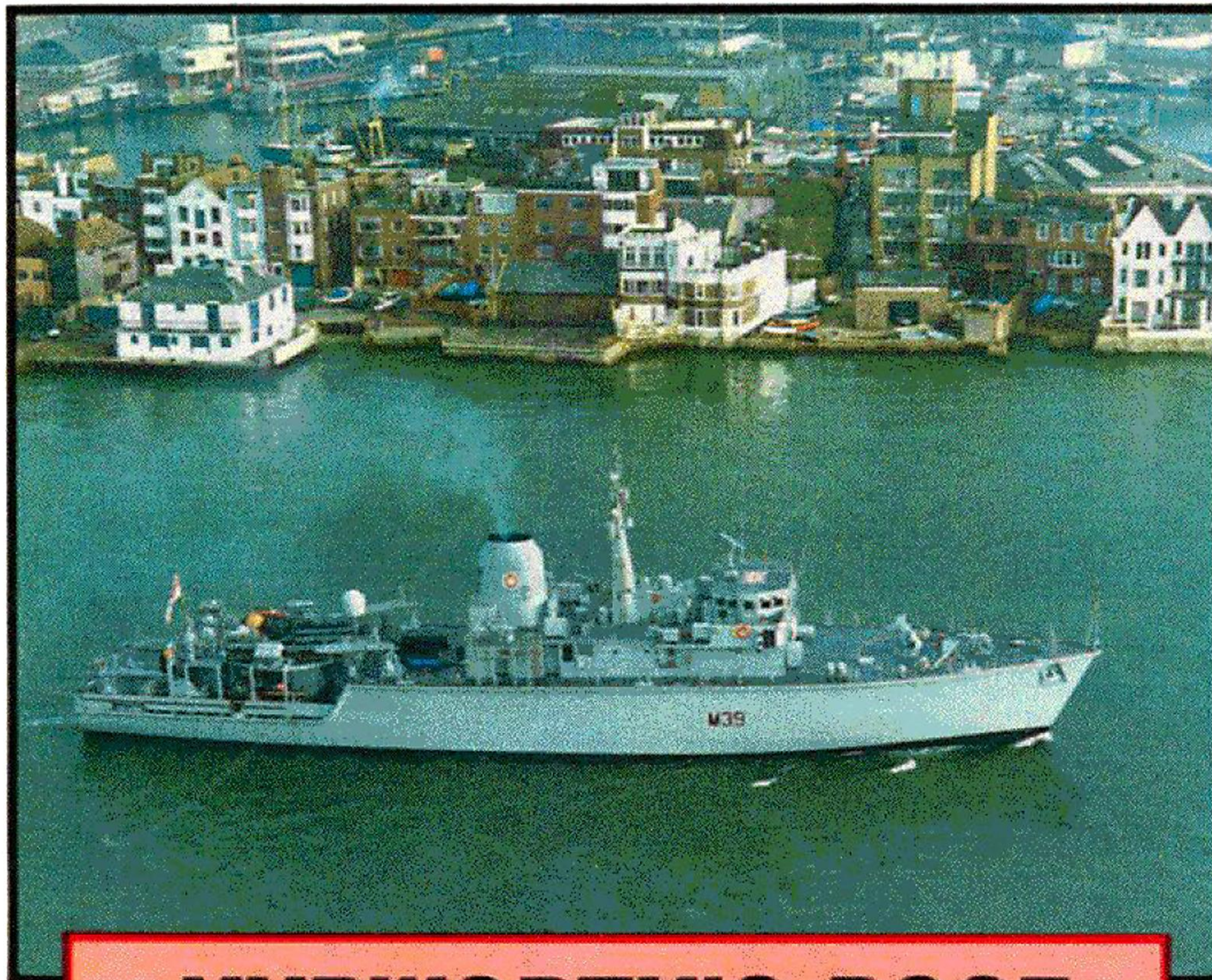
The aircraft also took part in co-ordinating the huge ground operation involving Police, Army and civilian rescue teams.

Blue liners

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Phasing out of the concession was chosen to ensure that individuals were not adversely affected by the change with little notice, and to discourage smoking generally.

Other duty free privileges remain unchanged.



HURWORTH'S ROSE

LEAVING Portsmouth after a visit marking her switch from the Fourth Mine Countermeasures Squadron to MCM2 — and sporting her new Hampshire Rose funnel badge — is Gulf veteran HMS Hurworth.

Joining MCM2 with her are Hunt class sister ships HMS Brecon and Cattistock, which have switched from MCM1.

Although MCM2 headquarters has now moved from Portsmouth to Rosyth — where the Hunts continue to be based — squadron ships will still wear the Hampshire Rose funnel badge as it is expected that MCM2 headquarters will move back south in about two years' time.

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